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PREDICTION Gas is continuing its downward slide. Yesterday it was expected prices would go down about five cents a litre when the new price kicked in just after midnight.

Gas prices yesterday hovered around 97.0, so the prices today should be around 92 cents a litre.

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Sandra Carr of Fall River answers questions at Province House as she shows her pressure sleeve. Carr suffers from lymphedema, a common side effect of breast cancer surgery.

Pulling up sleeves for survivors

N.S. mulls pressure sleeve coverage

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To use her right arm, breast cancer survivor Sandra Carr has to use a pressure sleeve.

The sleeve has perhaps already saved her life twice — both times keeping infection from reaching her internal organs.

Currently the government doesn't pay for such sleeves, which treat lymphedema, a common side effect of breast cancer surgery. But Carr was happy to learn yesterday it had taken a big first step in that direction.

"At least it's a positive move. It's the first positive start we've had on it. You've got to start little and see where it goes from there," said the Fall River resident.

Health Minister Chris d'Entremont wouldn't commit to the province covering the sleeves, but he said he will kick off the process towards including them.

How soon that happens will depend on the cost. No one

Lymphedema

- Lymphedema affects as many as 40 per cent of people who survive breast cancer surgery. With the lymph nodes removed, fluids build up in the arm. It can be disfiguring, disabling and potentially fatal if untreated. Pressure sleeves help pump the fluid out.

knows exactly how many people use the sleeves — which can cost over \$1,000 per year — in Nova Scotia. If it's in the tens of thousands of dollars it could be a matter of weeks. If it's in the hundreds of thousands it'll take longer if at all.

But d'Entremont, whose mother survived breast cancer and uses a pressure sleeve, said he recognizes the sleeves are medically necessary.

"It's required. It's a pain management piece," said d'Entremont.

"I'd like to find some way to help these individuals. So let's do a little bit of work and see what it's going to be worth."

Armour Group appeals Waterside Centre decision

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DEVELOPMENT Armour Group appealed regional council's rejection of a downtown development to the Nova Scotia Utility and

Review Board yesterday. Armour Group's Waterside Centre would've preserved the facades of six heritage buildings on the corner of Duke, Hollis and Upper Water Streets and put a six-storey glass tower on top. In a tie vote last month,

Premier an intervenor?

- Premier Rodney MacDonald has threatened to overturn council's decision with legislation and said last week he will apply for intervenor status during the appeal.

city council rejected staff's recommendation in favour of Waterside Centre. In a release yesterday, Ar-

mour said the appeal relates to council's failure to follow its own policies. Armour chairman Ben McCrea promised to oppose the "intervention of any public interest group and/or the province of Nova Scotia" at the hearing.

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Province creates career guide website

The province has launched a new website, www.brightcareerfutures.com, to help young people get more information on careers that are in high demand in Nova Scotia. It features information on aerospace, financial services, skilled trades, technology and health care. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Anchors aweigh

Do you know a teen who'd like to sail on a tall ship? The brigantine STV Fair Jeanne is looking for 48 teens between 15 and 19 to sail between Halifax and Kingston. It costs about \$100 per day, but many teens fundraise. For more information, email mary@tallship-sadventure.org. **METRO HALIFAX**

Green party plans Pictou convention

POLITICS The Green Party is planning a convention to be held in February in Pictou.

Green Party members will gather to debate and vote on policy resolutions, elect new federal councillors and hear from keynote speakers.

The convention was slated to happen in September 2008, but was postponed due to byelections and the recent general election.

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News in brief

MISCHIEF Three youths face charges in relation to slashing car tires near Penhorn Mall in Dartmouth Wednesday night. Witnesses called police at about 7 p.m. after seeing the teens slash tires outside Sobeys on Portland Street. About eight cars were damaged. Two girls, aged 14 and 16, and a 14-year-old boy were arrested and face eight counts of mischief.

PROSTITUTION Police charged a 34-year-old woman at the corner of Agricola and Bloomfield Streets at 9 p.m. Wednesday for communicating for the purpose of prostitution.

DRUGS Police have charged a man with dealing drugs in Uniacke Square at 10 p.m. Wednesday. Officers observed a drug deal near Sunrise Walk and Middle Lane and arrested 24-year-old Bruce Anthony Westhaver on crack cocaine possession charges. Westhaver appeared in court yesterday to face a drug trafficking charge.

CLARIFICATION In yesterday's Entertainment section, Scott Taylor wrote about the demise of the Ottawa edition of Frank magazine. Atlantic Frank is still publishing. **METRO HALIFAX**

Spirits running low

Demand making high-end whiskey scarce

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Though premium varieties are becoming harder to find, it certainly didn't look like there was a whiskey shortage at the Ceilidh in Halifax last night.

'Usquebaugh' or 'water of life', as it's called in Gaelic, was toasted at the Fifth Annual Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation Ceilidh in Halifax last night.

Whiskey is a hot commodity worldwide ever since the Asian markets recently developed a taste for it. Bigger producers are limiting their supplies to their old customers, like the NSLC, so they can ship enough whiskey to new, bigger markets.

Rick Perkins with NSLC said Diageo, the biggest supplier, cut off NSLC's supply of high-end whiskey. "They have limited their ability to give us the supply of six brands," he said, adding other brands are still available.

These brands, like Oban, Lagavulin and Talisker, sell for between \$60 and \$100



Bob Scott, executive vice-president of Glenora Distillers, pours a glass of Glen Breton Rare at the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation Ceilidh at Pier 21 on Thursday night.

a bottle. Perkins said they have less than 50 bottles of Lagavulin in the province.

"The phones have been more active in the past six months to a year of buyers looking for whiskey," said Lauchie MacLean, the president of Glenora in Cape Breton, which happens to be the only single malt dis-

tillery in North America.

It's not as if there's an unlimited supply of good whiskey, either. It needs to age at least three years, but most single-malt whiskeys age 10 to 20 years.

"The product we sell now we're not going to sell it until 2020," MacLean said.

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Province considers ban on plastic water bottles

RECYCLING With politicians in Ontario looking at banning single-use plastic water bottles the issue could soon come to Nova Scotia.

HRM is already toying with the idea of cutting bottled water out of city hall and other municipal buildings because of their waste and environmental impact.

But it could be quite a wait before a province-

wide ban is debated. The province is currently working on a water strategy that could take up to two more years to fully complete.

Environment minister Mark Parent said the issue was worth looking at, but a big difference between Ontario and Nova Scotia is we have a "robust recycling system" that they lack.

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Carvery named school board chair

EDUCATION Irvine Carvery is the new chair of the Halifax Regional School Board.

Carvery was recently elected to be the board's African Nova Scotia representative. He works as a property manager for the Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority and has

served on various boards and committees.

He is a former chair of the City of Halifax Tourism Committee, served two terms as a lay member of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society and is president of the Africville Genealogy Society. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Dal students dress for success

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Sara Perlmutter's ill-fitting black pants have a new home — in the back of her closet.

The 25-year-old grad student was one of four lucky business students chosen for Dalhousie School of Business' What Not to Wear makeover.

Stylist Fred Connors picked out casual or corporate outfits for under \$500 for the students. They also received fresh haircuts, make up and manicures.

Perlmutter said goodbye to her pony-tail, and shapeless sweatshirts, jeans and black pants.

She emerged in pants two sizes smaller, a belted coat, punchy purple scarf, and fresh, cropped hair.

"At 10 a.m. she was a size six and by noon she was a size two," Connors said.

Perlmutter says her confidence has skyrocketed.

"I feel really good about it," she said. "I never



Stylist Fred Connors and grad student Sara Perlmutter, who was chosen for Dalhousie School of Business's What Not to Wear makeover.

would've done any of this on my own. So having someone guide me was amazing.

"I feel like I could walk

into a room and present myself really well," she said.

And she will have to soon.

As a master's student she will soon enter the workforce and is hoping for an internship next summer.

"I feel like I could walk into a room and present myself really well."

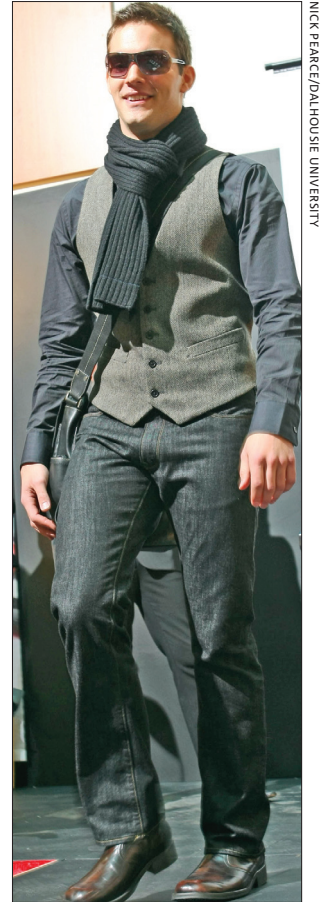
Sara Perlmutter

Connors said projecting a professional image is one of the most important things when entering the business world and can often be difficult for new graduates who are used to a T-shirt and jeans uniform.

"A lot of students finishing university do not have a large budget to work with so the idea of being able to display professional looks on a strict budget allowed the students to learn something," he said.

Some of the most common mistakes are buying the wrong size and type of clothes, he said.

"Workplace casual isn't Lululemon," Connors said. "Lululemon is for yoga and early morning classes. Actual clothing is for people who want to be successful."



Jeffery Allen, a mechanical engineering student, shows off his new look.

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Tuesday, November 11th

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Saturday, November 8th
7 am to 7 pm

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Tuesday, November 11th

HRM Recycling Plant Open
Saturday, November 8th
7:30 am to 6 pm

Collection services can begin as early as 7:00 am. To ensure collection, residents may place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day. For more information on HRM's composting and recycling programs, check your 2008 collection schedule, visit our website at halifax.ca/wrms or call our information line at 490-4000.

The HRM's residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot will be closed Saturday, November 8th, but will be open on Saturday, November 15th and Saturday, November 22nd from 9 am to 4 pm.

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Use of untendered polygraph firm 'wrong', says mayor

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Using an untendered company to conduct polygraph tests on firefighter applicants was 'wrong,' said the mayor.

Integrity Personnel Screening and Interviewing Consultants Inc. has interviewed thousands of applicants since 1998. The company is owned by two police officers, Supt. Mark Hartlen and Sgt. Darrell Gaudet, who conduct the tests in their own time.

Mayor Peter Kelly only found out on Wednesday night when asked about it by a reporter.

"It came from an agreement back in 1998," he said. "Unfortunately it continued on that vein, which is not the right course of action for us to take. We need to make sure we are getting the best value for dollar."

Applicant costs

- Application fee: \$20
 - Medical testing: \$400 (If candidate is hired, the fee is re-imbursed.)
 - Aptitude tests: \$50
 - Physical ability test: \$250
 - Polygraph tests: \$350
 - Integrity interviews: \$125
 - TOTAL: \$1,195
- Fees are not refundable for unsuccessful candidates.

Applicants vying for the job pay the fees: \$125 for a prescreening interview and \$350 for the polygraph test.

Kelly said even though it's not the taxpayers who are on the hook for the bill, it's up to the municipality to make sure applicants are getting the best price for a quality service.

But how did it go on without notice for 10 years? "It is wrong for us to not

enforce our tendering methodologies and there is a process in place for us to follow," Kelly said. "Because this came from a pre-existing agreement from 1998 it is one that was thought to be efficient and effective back then."

Two hundred applicants have already gone through the interview and polygraph screening in the fire service's latest recruitment drive.

On Wednesday night, Kelly transferred the testing of the remaining 90 applicants to the Halifax Regional Police.

HRP has one dedicated officer who conducts polygraph tests but other qualified officers — like Hartlen and Gaudet — would be pulled in to handle the overflow.

Kelly said staff are looking into the matter and will come up with a plan for future testing.

News in brief

ROADS About 475 kilometres of road is now pothole-free. The construction season, which isn't quite over yet, produced that much newly paved road. Paving, as well as bridge construction and repair, and pothole filling cost \$374.7 mil-

lion. The province's transportation department said the price tag is a 15 per cent increase over last year. They're also boasting over a Fraser Institute report which said Nova Scotia has the second best transportation infrastructure in

the country. Twinning Highway 104 and building a new highway near Antigonish is expected to cost \$100 million in the next few years. Already \$66 million has been spent on twinning Highway 101.

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Interested in helping to make decisions to better HRM and your community?

Halifax Regional Municipality is looking for people interested in volunteering on the boards, committees and commissions that make recommendations to Halifax Regional Council on important topics.

What does it involve?

Volunteering your time is important and valuable to your community. You will sit on a committee that interests you to discuss matters that may be brought before council. Committee members make recommendations to Council, based on their discussions. This is how it works:

- meet once a month
- meetings last for approximately one to two hours
- meeting locations will vary
- your volunteer commitment may be between two & four years
- you will work with a team and listen to others
- you will communicate effectively and constructively to solve community issues
- you, along with the committee members, will demonstrate respect for all members and communities
- you will help shape the future of HRM and your community

How do I apply?

All interested HRM residents are invited to submit an application form including your qualifications, relevant volunteer experience or resume. Applications will be accepted until December 1, 2008 then recommendations will be made to Council on committee appointments.

Which committees are looking for volunteers?

Here’s a list of committees looking for volunteer applicants:

Volunteer Committees	
Active Transporation Advisory Committee 4 vacancies including 1 senior	Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 6 vacancies
Bedford Days Executive Committee 5 vacancies	Board of Police Commissioners 1 vacancy
Cultural Advisory Committee 8 vacancies - 3 members at large, 2 arts sector, 1 cultural sector, 1 business sector, 1 education sector	Grant Committee 2 vacancies
Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day Committee 9 vacancies	Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Steering Committee 10 vacancies
Halifax International Airport Authority Committee 2 vacancies	Halifax Port Authority 1 vacancy
Halifax Regional Library Board 2 vacancies	Halifax Regional Water Commission 2 vacancies
Heritage Advisory Committee 7 vacancies	Investment Policy Advisory Committee 3 vacancies
Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority 2 vacancies	Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee 6 vacancies
Regional Plan Advisory Committee 4 vacancies - urban, suburban, rural and environmental sector	Shubenacadie Canal Commission 2 vacancies
Youth Advisory Committee (ages 13-19) 12 vacancies	

Community Councils
Bedford Watershed Advisory Board
Halifax Watershed Advisory Board
North West Planning Advosry Committee (Districts 19 & 20)
Northwest Transit Advisory Committee (Districts 2, 16, 19, 20, 21 & 22)

Halifax Regional Council will ensure, whenever possible, that appointments reflect the diversity of the community. Applications will remain on file and be considered for vacancies that may occur through the 2008/09 calendar year. Halifax Regional Council is currently conducting a review of the HRM Council Committee Structure. Application forms are available at the following locations between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday and on HRM’s website www.halifax.ca/boardscom/volunteer_application.html

Applications will be accepted until December 1, 2008

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Scotia Square Mall	Lower Level, 5201 Duke Street, Halifax
West End Mall	6960 Mumford Road, Halifax
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Teeth — they're pretty important. The Museum of Natural History is opening a new exhibit called SMILE! The Whole Tooth and Nothing but the Tooth today. It runs until Jan. 18th. **METRO HALIFAX**

IT enrolment down

Labour shortage looming, industry leaders say

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A plunge in computer science enrolments is creating a looming labour shortage in the information technology industry, says Dalhousie University.

Dal held a panel discussion yesterday with industry leaders to discuss the potential shortage that it says could impact government and health care, banking, telecommunications industries.

Jules Fauteux, chair of the Dalhousie faculty of Science Industry Advisory Board, said there is already a skills

By the numbers

- While Dal has 245 undergraduate students and 168 graduate students enrolled this year, Michael Shepherd, dean of the faculty of computer science, said the school could take 150 additional undergrads and 40 grad students.

shortage for systems analysts, computer programmers and multi-media web designers. And a labour shortage in the recession-proof industry is looming.

He said labour forecasts predict an additional 1,200 information and communi-

cations technology jobs per year in the region.

"If you assume that half of the supply to meet that demand will come from university graduates, we'll have a difficult time meeting that five years from now if we don't increase enrolment," Fauteux said.

Enrolments in computer science programs across the country dropped 45 per cent after the 2001 dot-com crash.

Michael Shepherd, dean of the faculty of computer science, said one theory why enrolment is down is that people were unnecessarily spooked about going into the field after the crash.

School lunch program to be free: Casey

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EDUCATION For students at least, there is such a thing as a free lunch.

The Excel program that had been charging thousands of parents in HRM for their children to stay at school for lunch is being cancelled, Education Minister Karen Casey announced yesterday.

Nowhere else in the province charged students to stay for lunch, but about half of the schools in the Halifax Regional School Board charged \$200 per year for students or \$400 per family to stay for lunch.

The fee only applied to students who walked to



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Catherine Stevens Doane walks her son Peter home from school yesterday. Stevens Doane has three children going to public schools and currently pays \$400 for two of her kids to stay for lunch.

school. Bussed students could stay for free. Yesterday Casey announced the programs would be banned.

"All other boards in the province provide supervision for their students in some way or another out of allocation of funding that they get," she said.

Between six and eight thousand children had been charged through the Excel program. NDP MLA Percy Paris had been a vocal critic of the fees. He said yesterday he was happy to see them go, but worried about repercussions.

"I'm happy. But there's a

caution mark there. I don't want students to suffer as a result of this," said Paris.

"I do not want to see resources taken out of the classroom to accommodate the cost of this."

Paris said the funding system between the department of education and school boards needs to be reexamined to ensure boards have enough money.

Non-profit groups that offer their own lunchtime programs, such as the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA, would still be allowed to charge fees. The ban only applies to school boards.

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Shannon Ledger-Piercey

Shannon Ledger-Piercey is from Sackville, Nova Scotia and graduated in 2007 with a bachelor degree in geology from Saint Mary's University. She is currently working towards a master's degree in geology at Saint Mary's. Her research is focused on the provenance of lower cretaceous sandstones.

Eric Negulic

Eric Negulic is a master of Earth Sciences student at Dalhousie University researching hydrocarbon potential of the cretaceous channel systems on the shale shelf. Eric is from Bedford, Nova Scotia and in 2008 completed a bachelor degree in earth sciences with honors from Dalhousie University.

Calvin Campbell

Calvin Campbell is originally from Hatchet Lake, Nova Scotia and is a master of sciences student in the earth sciences department at Dalhousie University. His master's thesis is focused on the cenozoic continental margin evolution off Nova Scotia. Calvin graduated from Saint Mary's University in 1999 with a bachelor degree with honors in earth sciences and geology.

Stephen Rankin

Stephen Rankin is studying towards a master's degree in applied sciences from Saint Mary's University with a focus on submarine canyons on the Scotian slope. He is from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and graduated last spring from Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in geology.

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Maiming burnt toast

BecauseI Said So

Cathy MacDonald

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We are great communicators. We have big vocabularies. Our house is full of books, magazines, crossword puzzles and dictionaries. We enjoy Boggle and Scrabble and Charades. We make punny jokes. We talk all the time.

In fact, if you get the six of us together in the same room, we are overwhelming. Which may be why we haven't been invited anywhere lately... But I digress.

We talk so much, about so many things, it even affects the teen queens' dating world. The ultimate test for new boyfriends is surviving Sunday dinner conversation. If, as a potential suitor, you can't keep up with the pace or scope of even the younger boy wonder's chatter, we know you for what you are — toast.

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treat our daughters like the ladies they are, or we will find you and maim you. For the toast boys, maim means 'hurt you really bad.')

So why is it when it comes to homework, my children have the speaking ability and memory retention of jellyfish?

"You have a project due Friday," I said to the younger boy wonder on Wednesday. "What do you have to do for the project?"

Why is it when it comes to homework, my children have the speaking ability and memory retention of jellyfish?

"Umm... I have to write some stuff... about something..." he trails off. Gee, is that burning toast I smell?

"Wow," I say. "That's hardly vague enough. What subject is this?"

"Social Studies."

"What do you have to write about?"

"The disturbing goods

and services," he says.

"Not likely," I say. "Maybe it's the *distribution* of goods and services?" I'm guessing here.

"Yeah, yeah! That's it," he says, obviously relieved one of us knows what he's talking about.

And then there is silence. Somehow, I'm still not convinced he has a good grasp of the project requirements.

"So tell me," I say casually, "who is distributing the goods and services?"

More silence. "I don't know."

"Let's leave that for now. What are the goods and services?"

Heavy sigh now. "I don't know that either."

"OK," I say. An entire loaf is burning. "Tell me this, who receives these unknown goods and services?"

"Well, I guess I'm going to have to find that out, aren't I," he says a little testily.

"That's right," I agree. "And you will. Now."

Now. Such a simple word. Yet if I say it just the right way, he knows it means 'now, or I will maim you.'

News in brief

ENERGY A company involved in a \$90-million wind farm project atop Nuttby Mountain remains confident the project will proceed despite some uncertainty. On Tuesday, EarthFirst Canada Inc. said it

had obtained creditor protection after initial attempts to sell the company were not successful. The company said in its announcement the "unprecedented crisis in the global financial markets" had "severe-

ly hindered" its efforts. The Calgary-based company bought the Nuttby project in March from Atlantic Wind Power Corp. and Cobequid Area Wind Farms.

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Worried about affording the holidays — layaway can help

NEW GLASGOW How can a single mother afford to buy her four children everything on their Christmas wish list and still have money to spare?

Layaway.

Sophie Larson says she started her Christmas shopping in September. By the time December 25 rolls around she expects to have her presents neatly wrapped under the tree — her credit rating left intact.

"I put everything on layaway. If my children want a winter jacket, lay it away. It's the way to go."

Layaway is the method of paying for an item bit by bit. Only when it is all paid for you can you take it home.

The widespread availability of credit cards and same-day loans has seen the pop-

"There are certain advantages to keeping a budget through predictable payment options such as layaway."

James Lundrigan

ularity of shopping on layaway decline in recent years.

With the economy the way it is today, layaway could be making a comeback this holiday season.

"I believe layaway is making a comeback for sure," says Philip White, sales staff at Inglis Jewelers. "We have been offering it at our New Glasgow location for a year and we find a lot of our customers appreciate having the option of layaway."

James Lundrigan, manager of Royal Bank, New Glas-

gow, says while layaway can be a convenient method of payment, consumers should be careful of hidden costs.

"There are certain advantages to keeping to a budget through predictable payment options such as layaway. However, some of these plans advertise interest-free payment options for six months, but what consumers may not realize is if you don't pay the full amount owed at the end of the six months you can end up with high interest payments."

Lundrigan says a practical way of saving for Christmas is setting up a preauthorized payment system where a certain amount of money is taken from your bank account each pay.

"Or you can check to see if your credit card offers rewards points. Sometimes you can cash in those points for gift certificates, which make great presents."

For Larson, layaway is still the way to go. Though she admits finding stores that offer layaway in the New Glasgow area isn't always easy.

"Layaway is available online," says Larson. "I can shop at K-mart or some of the U.S. department stores. There are really a lot of options for layaway online."

NEW GLASGOW NEWS



Canadian Tire President and CEO, Tom Gauld welcomes incoming President and CEO, Stephen Wetmore. Wetmore will replace Gauld effective the beginning of 2009. Gauld, who is retiring at the end of this year, will remain on the Board of Directors.

Making new Tire tracks

CAREER Bell Aliant president Stephen Wetmore's going from phones to tires.

Wetmore, who steps down from the regional utility at the end of 2008, will head straight to a new job as president and CEO of Canadian Tire in

the new year.

Wetmore, 55, started with Bell in March 2002. He's been on Canadian Tire's board since 2003. He will replace current Canadian Tire president, Tom Gauld, who is retiring at the end of the year.

METRO HALIFAX

News in brief

SALARY Current economic conditions have employers in Canada reconsidering their salary increase budgets according to a survey by Hewitt Associates.

PERMITS Municipalities issued \$6.5 billion in building permits in September, up 13.4 per cent following an 11.7 per cent decline in August.

SAVINGS StatsCan says the number of taxfilers reporting investment income increased for the fourth consecutive year in 2007.

BID County of Pictou council has accepted a bid from Corporate Express for window shades and seating, at a cost of \$62,739. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Minister to meet with mining industry members

There's no doubt the mining industry has been hit particularly hard by recent economic turmoil. Natural Resources Minister David Morse will talk to members of the province's mining industry on Sunday at their annual conference in Halifax. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Union votes to strike

Chignecto-Central school aids 90% in favour

Heather MacKay exploded from her seat, thrust her hands in the air and shouted in glee at the news education assistants (EAs), librarians, information technologists and administrative/secretarial staff under the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board voted 90 per cent for strike action last night.

About 600 members of Local 71, which represents the entire Chignecto-Central region, were eligible to cast a ballot for the strike vote. Three voting opportunities were held recently, one in Amherst, one in Stellarton and Truro's last night, in which about 200 people attended. The votes of about 460 people were counted during a gathering hosted by the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union.

"We're ready to go. I don't mind going on the picket line and I'm overwhelmed with the strong support and solidarity," said MacKay, an education assistant in Great Village, still flushed with excitement.

"We are absolutely not valued by the school board. They treat us like we know nothing, don't make a difference and expect us to do way more than we're paid for," said Onslow Moun-
tain's Angela Watson, another EA.

An EA's pay ranges from \$13.91 to \$15.30 per hour.

"Janitors and bus drivers get more pay than we do," added Jill Janes, an EA from North River.

Union president Joan Jessome said the union will fight for a number of issues, including a five per cent wage increase each year of a two-year contract (2.9 per cent is now given), a work day of six hours (it stands at five with many staff working the sixth hour without pay), increased and protected vacation and paid storm days, to name a few.

"We've reached an impasse but we'll go back to the table ... before going to strike."

The union has two dates set aside for conciliation efforts — Dec. 3 and 4.

After that bargaining round, a ratification vote by members will be held to either reject or accept any changes made in conciliation.

"If you members reject that, it's a 14-day countdown to strike," said Jessome, estimating the union would be in a legal strike position the third week of January at the earliest.

"We will not be prepared for a strike before the holidays," she told members.

School board superintendent Noel Hurley told the Truro Daily News last night he was "optimistic with the help of a conciliator there will be a successful" resolution between the union and school board.

"Our employees are valued and we think highly of them," he added.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

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Union president
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Dignity Day **Auschwitz survivor**



Mark David, right, from the Atlantic Jewish Council hands Phillip Riteman, a survivor from Auschwitz, a candle to light during the Dignity Day ceremony at Parade Square in Halifax yesterday.

Cocaine, prescription drugs seized in raid

TRURO Crack cocaine, cocaine and prescription drugs were seized during a raid of a home in Truro Tuesday night.

The drugs have an estimated street value of about \$4,000, but Sgt. Rob Hearn said Wednesday the Truro Police Service was doing a

quantitative analysis of the drugs' value. He said because the drugs can be modified into other drugs the values could change.

Two men were arrested prior to the search of the home and will appear in Truro provincial court at a later date. One of the men,

who is originally from the Truro area but is now living in the Amherst area, was in possession of a quantity of crack cocaine and prescription pills. Cocaine was also seized inside the home.

The other man arrested is a 62-year-old Truro resident.

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The hunters who found the body of 15-year-old Brandon Crisp in a forest in central Ontario on Wednesday, said it's clear the boy has been there a while, but they said his clothes were in such good condition they thought it unlikely the boy was there for the whole three weeks he was missing. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Canada



Bad feed blamed for mad cow

An official investigation into Canada's 13th case of mad cow disease said Thursday infected feed was most likely to blame — the same reason given in many previous cases. The animal, a five-year-old dairy cow from a farm in British Columbia, was identified in June 2008. Since then an additional instance of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) has been discovered in Canada. **REUTERS**

Trudeau **Proud day for a mother**



Newly elected Liberal Member of Parliament Justin Trudeau, son of late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, is congratulated by his mother Margaret Trudeau after being sworn in during a ceremony on Parliament Hill yesterday.

Harper calls up Obama

PM shares a 'warm exchange' with president-elect

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President-elect Barack Obama spoke about the global credit crisis, the environment and the military mission in Afghanistan in their first conversation following Obama's historic victory.

Harper and Obama shared a "warm exchange" and vowed to remain strong allies, a senior government official said of the phone call that took place yesterday afternoon. "(Harper) raised issues where we have common

NAFTA controversy

In March, Harper had found himself on the hot seat in Parliament after a leak of information about Obama's position on the NAFTA became a factor in the Democratic primary campaign.

ground," the official said.

Harper and Obama also discussed the emergency meeting with G-20 world leaders in Washington next week, the govern-

ment official said.

Harper congratulated Obama on his win in Tuesday's election, and the two leaders agreed to speak again soon, although it is not yet known whether they will be able to meet privately at the G-20 summit, the official said.

In downtown Toronto yesterday, Harper said the U.S. election was an inspiring milestone and signals a change in American policy that will better reflect Canadian hopes for the environment and Afghanistan.

"This is a tremendous, historic occasion for the United States in all kinds of ways," Harper said at a news conference at the C.D. Howe Institute. "Obviously the election of the first African-American president is a tremendous and truly inspiring moment ... in American political history."

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Watch as the U.S. ambassador tells Canadians they will miss George W. Bush at metronews.ca/Canada

Charest's economics doubted

VOTE One day down and already Quebec Premier Jean Charest's call to Quebecers to give him a majority based on his sound management of the economy has been dented over doubts about those very finances.

The controversy sucked some wind from Charest's gleeful sails yesterday as he tried to unveil more interventionist measures his government would undertake to stimulate the economy during a global financial crisis — including a hike in minimum wage and billions more for infrastructure to create jobs.

What Quebec's two opposition leaders question is Charest's claim to having a \$2.3 billion reserve, which has allowed the government to forecast a zero deficit for this fiscal year and the next.



Quebec Premier Jean Charest makes a point as he speaks to the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal, yesterday.

The province's auditor general, Renaud Lachance, cast doubt on the existence of that reserve earlier this week, pointing out that Quebec had a \$5.8 billion deficit at the end of March 2007. He wouldn't divulge, however, what his own report on the

state of Quebec's finances reveals. The report is typically released each fall, but when Charest called a provincial election Tuesday, the release was shelved.

Quebecers go to the polls Dec. 8.

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CAW wants Feds to buy locally

SPENDING The Canadian Auto Workers union called on governments across Canada yesterday to ensure that the billions of dollars they spend annually on goods and services should go, at least in part, to Canadian companies.

In 2007, a combined total of \$544 billion was spent by municipal, provincial and federal governments in Canada. **REUTERS**

Cities ask for infrastructure funds

JOBS The federal government is sitting on \$3 billion in unspent infrastructure funding, money that could be used to create thousands of jobs and help immunize Canada's economy against recession, municipal officials say.

Officials with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities went to Parliament Hill yesterday to urge Ottawa to step up infrastructure investments as a way to "soften" the impact of a slowing economy.

"Of all the possible economic tools governments

have, infrastructure spending is a tried and true recession fighter," said Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault, president of the federation. "It has two big advantages. It creates real jobs fast and it leaves us with much-needed infrastructure."

To bolster their case, the body cited a report showing that a \$3 billion investment in infrastructure — matched by provinces and municipalities — would create almost 100,000 jobs.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

FOOD The federal government is about to unveil tough new listeria testing rules in food plants across the country, TorStar and CBC have learned. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is overhauling its protocols following the Maple Leaf outbreak.

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Russian suicide bomber kills 11

A suspected suicide bomber killed 11 people outside a Russian market yesterday, prosecutors said, in one of the worst attacks in months to hit Russia's turbulent North Caucasus region.

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World

"We found younger volcanic activity on the far side of the moon."

Makiko Ohtake of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.



Moon volcano

High-resolution photographs capturing the far side of the moon have revealed volcanic activity earlier than previously thought pegging it at 2.5 billion years ago.

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Eliot Spitzer will not face charges

CRIME Former New York Governor and aggressive white collar crime prosecutor Eliot Spitzer will not face criminal charges for his involvement in a prostitution ring that led to his resignation, U.S. prosecutors said yesterday.



Eliot Spitzer

Spitzer, who stepped down as governor in March amid a scandal over a \$1,000-an-hour prostitute, in a separate statement yesterday for the first time acknowledged his participation in the sex ring.

"In light of the policy of the Department of Justice with respect to prostitution offenses and the long-standing practice of this Office, as well as Mr. Spitzer's acceptance of responsibility for his conduct, we have concluded that the public interest would not be further advanced by filing criminal charges in this matter," U.S. Attorney Michael Garcia said.

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Obama preps on issues

Barack Obama will meet his economic team today and hold his first news conference since becoming U.S. president-elect as the country awaited signs of how he might tackle the economic crisis.

Obama, who stands to inherit the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, faced pressure to announce his picks for key economic jobs, including Treasury secretary, though there were no indications of when he might do so.

On Wall Street, stocks closed sharply lower for a second day. The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 443.48 points, or 4.85 percent, after plummeting almost 500 points or about 5 percent Wednesday — the biggest fall ever on the day after a presidential election.

Though the timing of the Treasury secretary announcement was uncertain, names being considered for the job included Timothy Geithner, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers and former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker.

Summers and Volcker



A picture of U.S. President-elect Barack Obama is projected as Kanye West and Estelle (both not pictured) perform during the MTV Europe Music Awards ceremony in Liverpool, northern England, yesterday.

A Berlusconi welcome

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi gave an enthusiastic, if unconventional, welcome yesterday to the election

of Barack Obama, citing among his attributes youth, striking looks and a good sun-tan.

were on the 17-member transition economic advisory board who will meet with Obama Friday, a statement from the transition office said.

Obama made his first

key appointment by naming U.S. Rep. Rahm Emanuel of Illinois, a brash veteran of President Bill Clinton's White House, to chief of staff.

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Barack media bias did not exist: Experts

POLITICS At times during this year's U.S. presidential race, it seemed that supporters of Republican John McCain bashed journalists covering his campaign almost as hard as they did his Democratic rival, Barack Obama.

McCain partisans were roused to anger by a perception that mainstream news organizations routinely gave Obama preferential treatment en route

to his election as the first black U.S. president. But media scholars, including a former top aide to McCain, disagree. They said campaign coverage often did lean in Obama's favour, though not because of a hidden liberal agenda.

Experts said Obama's poll numbers rose in response to events within the campaign, not the daily news cycle.

REUTERS

News in brief

HURRICANE Hollywood movie houses said yesterday they are turning the silver screen 'green,' by cutting waste, energy and costs in an industry known for its over-the-top productions.

FAITH Catholic and Muslim leaders at unprecedented Vatican meetings vowed yesterday to jointly combat violence committed in God's name, to defend religious freedom and to foster equal rights.

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Bali Bombers to be executed



An Indonesian hardliner Muslim drinks beside a poster of the men convicted of a 2002 nightclub bombing in Bali that killed 202 people. The attorney general's office has said the three militants would be executed in early November.

News in brief

ELECTION New Zealand's centre-right National Party is poised to lead the country's next government, ending nine

years of Labour Party rule, according to polls.

HAMAS The Islamist group Hamas is unlikely to take part

in an Egyptian-sponsored Palestinian reconciliation conference on Sunday, a top Hamas official said. **REUTERS**

Militants give Obama warning

An Iraqi insurgent coalition and the Taliban warned U.S. President-elect Barack Obama to withdraw U.S. forces from Iraq and Afghanistan or face more resistance, U.S. monitoring groups reported yesterday.

The messages express an openness to new relations with the United States under Obama, who has pledged to break with outgoing President Bush's policies on both wars

"There is neither sadness

nor happiness among the Taliban groups over the election of Barack Obama as U.S. president," Qari Mohammad Yousuf, a spokesman for the Taliban in Afghanistan

"Afghans will show strong resistance to every foreign occupation."

Taliban spokesperson

During the campaign Obama pledged to withdraw combat troops from Iraq on a timetable he said could be completed within 16 months.

REUTERS

Convicted felon holds slim lead

RACE The fate of a convicted felon will help determine the size of the Democrats' expanded power in the U.S. Senate, and may provide a new job opportunity for failed vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin.

After being found guilty of political corruption last month, Republican Sen. Ted Stevens, 84, of Alaska clung to a narrow lead Thursday in his bid to win an eighth term.

State election officials are sorting through thousands of absentee ballots.

The officials say they do not expect to announce a winner for at least several days. **REUTERS**



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News in brief

FOOD Consumers should expect to pay more for food as economists warned prices will rise by at least seven per cent in 2009 because of higher feed costs for for animals. It would be the third year in a row that food prices rose faster than the overall U.S. inflation rate. Food inflation is the highest since 1990. **REUTERS**

POLITICS U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman took a first step yesterday toward finding out what punishment he may face for backing Republican John McCain for president this year. Lieberman met privately with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, who afterward said they would have more talks before deciding what to do. **REUTERS**

Obama, Olmert talk peace

PEACE Outgoing Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert called U.S. President-elect Barack Obama yesterday and both spoke about the need to press ahead with the peace process with the Palestinians, Olmert's office said.

In a statement, Olmert's office said the prime min-

ister and Obama "both spoke about the need to continue to advance the peace process, and this, while safeguarding the security of Israel."

The White House said yesterday that a peace deal was unlikely to be reached before Bush leaves office in January. **REUTERS**

Silver lining

Gay rights activists optimistic despite California setback

California revoked same-sex marriage this week and more states joined the strong majority that define marriage as between a man and a woman — yet gay rights activists see a bright future for their cause.

While a conservative-backed ballot measure banning same-sex marriage passed in California Tuesday, it is a measure of the gay movement's success that it is now fighting for civil rights instead of mere acceptance of a sexual orientation that was seen as deviant and criminalized just a few decades ago.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom said he was "tremendously optimistic" about the future of same-sex marriage in California despite the election loss. Gay couples in California

wed for nearly half a year after winning a state Supreme Court battle in May.

A San Francisco candlelight vigil on Wednesday night that turned into a cheering session on the steps of City Hall, and Los Angeles-area clashes with police in riot gear were two post-election signs that the gay community does not expect to fade quietly away.

"How can you just decide 'OK we can't have rights, I guess we'll just have to be cool with that?' It's my country, too, goddamnit," said Becki Holub at the San Francisco rally.

More than half of the U.S. states have laws defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Arkansas also voted to stop gay couples from adopting children. **REUTERS**

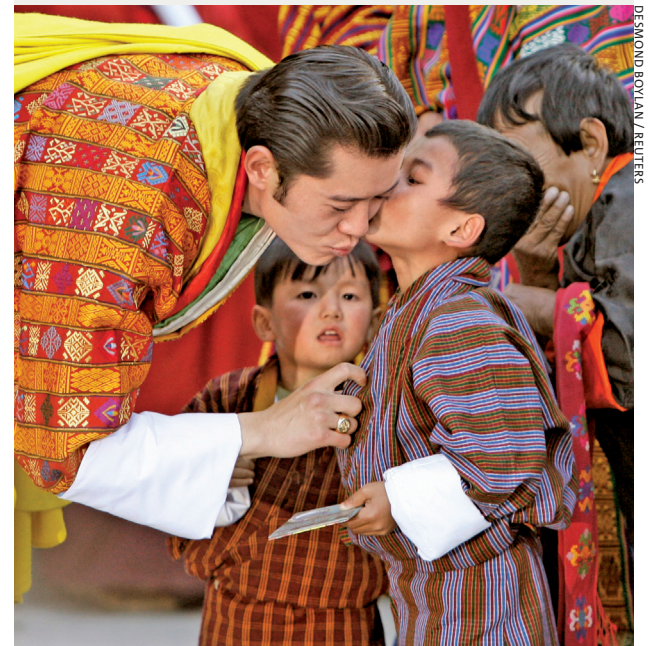
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Bhutan Coronation



Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck receives greetings from children in the courtyard of Tashichhodzong Palace during celebrations marking his coronation ceremony in Thimphu yesterday.

Babies' play patterns, eye contact linked to autism

HEALTH Babies who were later diagnosed with autism played with toys in unusual ways, spinning or rotating them more than other babies, researchers reported yesterday.

The findings, reported in the journal *Autism*, might help doctors and parents identify children at risk of autism and start to help them earlier, researchers said.

Babies who went on to develop autism also stared noticeably at objects such

as bottles, or looked at them out of the corners of their eyes, Sally Ozonoff of the University of California Davis and colleagues found.

"There is an urgent need to develop measures that can pick up early signs of autism, signs present before 24 months," Ozonoff said in a statement.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended all infants be screened for autism before they turn two. **REUTERS**

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Comment & Views

Comment

For duties done in history unwritten

My father was 34 when he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force, a week before Christmas in 1940. It's hard to remember now that, halfway through the second year of World War Two, winning didn't look like a sure thing for the Allies — at this point just Britain and the Commonwealth countries. It would be six months before Germany invaded Russia, and another year before Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, and no one expected Britain to hold out until then.

From where we sit, history always looks inevitable; a single outcome never less than ordained, all the drama and anxiety long since evaporated. World War One was supposed to be over in a few months but dragged on for over four years, but by the time my father enlisted there were credible scenarios imagining the war with Germany and Italy lasting a decade, perhaps longer.

John Babcock is the only surviving Canadian veteran of World War One, and in two or three decades the men who served alongside

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my father will be down to a few dozen, perhaps less. The cenotaphs and war memorials around which our Remembrance Day services are held will have been in place for at least a century, and almost no one will be left alive who will remember how crucial they once were — the clos-

est thing to a headstone here for the friends and family of the men and women who were buried all over Europe and Asia.

"They are sending some men over to England from here in the next couple of weeks but I don't expect I'll be going," my father wrote to my mother from his air base outside Ottawa in 1944, just two months after D-Day.

"It's only for six months but they have to pass a medical so that lets me out."

A mechanic, he lost an eye in Dartmouth, N.S., working on a plane less than a year after enlisting, but refused a medical dis-

charge; he would remain in uniform until two months after Japan surrendered, and he would never leave Canada.

Probably because he never thought he'd really risked his life, my father never joined the Legion or marched in a Remembrance Day parade.

For every veteran in their beret in front of the cenotaphs next Tuesday there will be a few men like my father. As the years pass there will be fewer of both, and ever smaller contingents of men and women who served in Korea, on peacekeeping and

UN missions in the Sinai, Somalia, Bosnia or Rwanda, or in Afghanistan.

Remembering will be hard work, but it has to be done, if only as a tribute to the men and women for whom history was anxious and unwritten, motivated by duty, and expecting little more than soldier's pay and the hope that, at least one day a year, the rest of us will commit to the difficult but necessary task of remembering when history was alive.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Views

Blood donations at heart of health care

By DR. BRIAN BERRY

Blood is at the heart of the health care system. Used to treat trauma victims, people battling cancer, and surgical patients, blood and blood products stabilize, improve and save the lives of hundreds of thousands of Canadians every year.

But, like many other precious resources in our world, blood is in limited supply and it continues to dwindle. It is a simple case of supply and demand.

A dramatic drop in Cana-

da's blood inventory in the past eight weeks has elevated an ongoing issue to critical action for all Canadians. Canadian Blood Services normally holds four to six days' worth of all blood types. Last week, that number dropped to just more than two days' worth for some of the most critical blood types.

Currently, no surgeries or



Dr. Brian Berry

treatments have been postponed or cancelled. Our hospitals are continually watching their blood supplies and ensuring blood products are used without waste.

The needs of critical care patients will always be met. However, if the situation does not reverse itself, the needs of less critical patients may have to be delayed. We are preparing for this possibility now as every drop of blood counts toward making a difference in the life of someone who desperately needs it.

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Dr. Brian Berry is chair of B.C. Transfusion Medicine Advisory Group and director of hematopathology for Vancouver Island Health Authority.

Correction

In Wednesday's edition, columnist Paul Sullivan suggested that Alberta's so-

licitor general should see what it feels like to be Tasered himself. In fact, So-

licitor General Fred Lindsay and RCMP Commissioner William Elliot were volun-

tarily Tasered by police on May 1st of this year. Metro regrets the error.



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Business

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Olympics **Grand plans for broadcast centre**



British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell talks to the media during a ceremony on the roof of the waterfront convention center in Vancouver yesterday, which will house the international broadcast centre for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Business in brief

ECONOMY Two new reports suggest the Canadian economy is softening, while purchasing activity increased at a more moderate pace. The value of building permits jumped, indi-

cating that construction of commercial buildings is a key pillar of the economy.

SUMMIT Representatives of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-

operation forum urged their peers yesterday to take coordinated action against failing capital markets, and warned against erecting trade barriers as growth slows. **REUTERS**

Canadian retailers see sales jump

SALES Two of Canada's top retailers reported a jump in third-quarter results yesterday as same-store sales climbed despite the effects of an economic downturn.

The results could bode well for the big chain stores as they gear up for the holiday shopping season, a crucial time for the sector that pundits expect will be significantly slower than normal.

Canadian Tire Corp. reported a 6 per cent boost in profit of \$108.6 million with a 2 per cent increase in same-store sales over last year.

Shoppers Drug Mart posted a 14.8 per cent jump in third-quarter profit to \$163 million as sales jumped almost 10 per cent, while same-store sales rose 5 percent. **REUTERS**

In contrast...

U.S. retail chains posted the worst October sales results in 35 years as consumers cut spending sharply. Thomson Reuters said its same-store sales index fell 0.7 per cent.

Bailout prudence required: Harper

World leaders should be careful not to overdo their response to the financial crisis even as the global economic outlook worsens by the week, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.

Canada's approach to the economic turmoil has contrasted sharply with that of European nations in the lead up to a global summit in Washington next week, with Ottawa advocating prudent regula-

tion and oversight instead of a big overhaul of the world financial system.

"Yes, I think that is a very real concern," Harper told reporters after meeting with economists in Toronto, when asked if there was a risk of the pendulum swinging too far towards too much government action and regulation. He also noted Canada's financial regulations could be used as a model for other nations. **REUTERS**

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Baseball likely to eliminate coin flips

Rather than tossing for heads or tails, baseball general managers plan to recommend that sites for division and wild-card tiebreaker games be decided by wins and losses, rather than coin flips. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports

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Brodeur has surgery on elbow

NHL New Jersey Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur, below, had surgery yesterday to repair his torn left biceps near the elbow. "According to the doctors, his surgery was 100 per cent successful," Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello said. "The timetable for his return remains three to four months." Kevin Weekes has replaced Brodeur as the Devils' No. 1 goaltender.

Cramming more seats into Fenway

BASEBALL The Boston Red Sox are adding more seats to 96-year-old Fenway Park. The team is adding 560 new seats to Major League Baseball's oldest and smallest ballpark. It's the eighth year of ballpark improvements since the team was purchased by the group led by John Henry and Tom Werner.

This year's work also includes waterproofing and repairing the lower deck, fixing the roof beyond third base and adding seats to the upper deck beyond the first base line.

Ferguson charged by FA over gesture

SOCCER Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson faces a touchline ban after being charged Thursday by the English Football Association over his "improper conduct" toward a referee. Ferguson jabbed his finger at Mike Dean over the referee's decisions during Saturday's 4-3 victory over Hull. Ferguson has until Nov. 19 to respond to the charge. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Wheeler rolls over Leafs

NHL RESULT

Leafs 2 Bruins 5



THE SKINNY: Blake Wheeler had his first three-goal game in the NHL, hours after changing his uniform number, to help the Bruins beat the Leafs 5-2.

THE HAT TRICK: Wheeler completed his hat trick with 53 seconds left on a shot from the blue line into an empty net after the Maple Leafs pulled Vesa Toskala. The fans then littered the ice with hats.

IN THE NUMBERS: Wheeler, a rookie from the University



Boston's Shawn Thornton is upended as he collides with the Maple Leafs' Jeff Finger last night.

of Minnesota, changed from No. 42 to 26 before the game.

ANOTHER LEAF COMEBACK? Not really. Alexander Steen cut the score to 3-1 midway into the third, but the Bruins killed off a 5-on-

3 power play late before Shawn Thornton put it away.

GRABOVSKI GRABS ANOTHER: Mikhail Grabovski picked up another goal, and now has tallies in three straight games. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Penguins hold off Edmonton

NHL RESULT

Oilers 4 Penguins 5



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THE SKINNY: Petr Sykora and Miroslav Satan scored two goals each and Maxime Talbot added another as Pittsburgh built a 5-0 lead and held on to hand Edmonton its second straight defeat. Sykora's second, 13:05 into the second period, stood as the winner.

COMEBACK BID: The Oilers pulled on their rally caps with four straight goals — by Fer-



Sidney Crosby celebrates Miroslav Satan's goal against the Oilers last night.

nando Pisani, Tom Gilbert, Ales Hemsky and Sheldon Souray — in the second and third period to make a game of it.

THE BIG PLAY: The Pens

were short-handed in the first period when Talbot knocked a Sidney Crosby rebound past Mathieu Garon to make it 2-0 at on a rush created when Lubomir Visnovsky got caught up ice.

Dodgers offer big bucks

The Los Angeles Dodgers have reportedly offered free agent Manny Ramirez a deal that would give him the second-highest average salary in the sport behind Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez. The Los Angeles Times reported yesterday that the Dodgers' offer is believed to be for either two years at \$50 million or three years for \$75 million. **ESPN.COM**

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Question marks

• Will the Bombers manage to sell out Canad Inns Stadium? If they do, outspoken veteran receiver Milt Stegall says the home team will reward the fans. "Now I'm not a marketing major, I'm not a numbers guy," he says. "But we've got to sell out this game. This is what we're looking for. These fans come out, we're guaranteeing a win."
• Fine, but can they stop the Edmonton aerial attack led by QB Ricky Ray? Ray led the CFL in total passing — 5,661 yards and as he goes, so goes the Eskis offence.

Exclamation points

• Winnipeg QB Kevin Glenn has a deep corps of receivers and a one-two punch at running back in Joe Smith and Fred Reid, but he matched his 20 touchdowns thrown with 20 interceptions tossed.
• Edmonton was only 1-2 in its last three games, both

West Semifinal



Tomorrow, 3:30 p.m.
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Question marks

• Having beaten the Roughriders in two out of three meetings this season, can the Lions do it again in front of a rabid Regina gathering? (That last game featured the Lions being pelted by beer cans and debris.)
• Will QB Buck Pierce's sore ankle impede his play and, if it does, is Jarious Jackson ready to step into the breach?

Exclamation points

• Riders' Matt Dominguez will not play; Lions' Jason Clermont should.
• B.C. had 13 players named to the West Division all-star team, seven more than first-place Calgary; Saskatchewan is 7-2 at home; B.C. is 5-4 on the road. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Jays interested in Bradley?

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He has a personal policy of never smiling during games. He once was suspended for spitting gum at an umpire.

He has, without explaining his reasons, gone for weeks at a time without speaking to his teammates. He is, in no uncertain terms, a brat.

But **Milton Bradley** is a brat with a bat, a pretty productive bat, and there's a good chance it'll be in the heart of the Blue Jays' order next season.

Sources tell Metro that Canada's MLB franchise has decided to diligently pursue Bradley as a free agent.

"We need offensive help," a front-office source with the Jays confirmed, "and Bradley won't be nearly as expensive as **Manny Ramirez** or **Mark Teixeira** (other big-name batters on the free-agent market). Obviously, we know Bradley's reputation. We know what he's like. He plays angry, for whatever reason. But we think the pros outweigh the cons with him. Just look at his stats."

Bradley, 30, has been with five major-league teams since starting his big-league career with the Montreal Expos in 2000.

He has a .280 career average and 103 home runs in 2,832 at-bats. Last year, with the Texas Rangers, he hit a career-high .327, with 22 homers.

The Jays will have at least one significant challenger for Bradley's services.

The AL champion Tampa Bay Rays also are making plans to go after him.

• Overheard at the Raptors' game in Toronto Wednesday night:

Members of the **Detroit Pistons** kibitzing with Raptors star **Chris Bosh** and suggesting that their club likely will dangle megabucks in front of him when he becomes a free agent in the summer of 2010.

The Pistons certainly will have the salary-cap room, and the Flint Journal's web site even had a story yesterday suggesting Detroit's acquisition of Bosh was a strong possibility.



Bradley hit a career-high .327 last season.

The story, incidentally, produced some negative web postings from Detroit fans, including these two: – "Not saying Bosh is not a good player, but watching him (Wednesday) night, and I know he scored 20+, but he really looks SLOW!" – "Forget Bosh. He's too soft."

• Quick questions: – Doesn't new Raptors' play-by-play guy **Matt Devlin** sound a lot like TSN's **Rod Black**?

– Is there any question any more that **Eli Manning** has become a better quarterback than **Peyton Manning**?

– Has Bill Belichick lost it? – Is the CFL really fooling you when it insists that tomorrow's **Winnipeg-Edmonton** game is an *Eastern* playoff?

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Drury pulls a trick out of his hat

Chris Drury had two of New York's three rare power-play goals and finished his hat trick with a short-handed goal for the Rangers, who beat the Tampa Bay Lightning for the third time this season, winning 5-2 last night. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Eagles down Mooseheads again

Roy, Haddad shine as Cape Breton takes third straight in Battle of Nova Scotia

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The Halifax Mooseheads are putting up a good fight, but keep coming up short in the Battle of Nova Scotia.

The Cape Breton Screaming Eagles beat the Mooseheads for the third time in as many games last night at the Metro Centre, earning a 5-2 victory on the strength of Olivier Roy's sound goaltending and Joey Haddad's three-point night.

The Herd, which has yet to post back-to-back victories 20 games into the QMJHL season, answered a win with a loss for the fifth time in a row. But they weren't hanging their heads.

"We had good chances and opportunities," said Mooseheads rookie left-winger Gabriel Desjardins, who had an assist and five shots and earned the nod as

third star. "We looked good, so we're not too sad about it because that's supposed to be one of the best teams in the league. We played well."

The Mooseheads wanted to set a physical tone early, but the refs quickly told them to tone it down, sending Justin Pender and Charles Bety to the box for hard hits.

"We looked good, so we're not too sad about it."

Gabriel Desjardins

The Screaming Eagles didn't score on the power plays, but slowly gathered momentum and answered the opening goal from Halifax's Tomas Knotek with four tallies of their own to make it 4-1 midway through the third period.

Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell was visibly upset on the bench after the

early penalty calls.

"That's the way we've got to play if we want to beat those guys," he said. "They've changed the rules and made it difficult to fight. Now, they're doing the same thing with hitting."

Pender scored to cut the lead to 4-2 with 9:30 to go, but Roy completed a 33-save outing with some sparkling stops and McNeil added another into the empty net.

Halifax (7-13) hosts the Moncton Wildcats tomorrow at 7 p.m. and faces a team that is 16-0-2, the best start in history.

"We all want to end their streak," said Mooseheads defenceman Scott McDonald, who is from Waverley. "We're all motivated to do it and it would be really nice to be the team that finishes them and gives them their first loss."

Last night's crowd of 6,521 was the fourth largest this season in Halifax. The



Halifax Mooseheads forward Linden Bahm flies over Cape Breton Screaming Eagles defenceman Jan Piskacek during the second period of the Eagles' 5-2 win last night at the Metro Centre.

QMJHL's attendance report released before last night's game showed that Moose-

heads crowds have dropped by 10.8 per cent (739 per game) from last season.



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Rainmen sign Sanders, re-sign duo

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If you can't stop him, sign him. That's the approach the Halifax Rainmen took yesterday when they inked former Manchester Millrats star Rob Sanders, an NCAA Division 1 Providence grad and one of the American Basketball Association's top scorers.

The Rainmen, who have moved to the Premier Basketball League along with the Millrats, were lit up on several occasions by the 6-foot-8 Saunders in the ABA last season. "He gave us a pounding last year," Rainmen co-owner Andre Livingston said. "He was an MVP kind of guy. We had to build our game plan around stopping Sanders. Of course, it didn't work. He thrashed us every single time." Livingston said Sanders has NBA potential if he can develop a more consistent jump shot. He went as far as comparing Sanders to seven-time NBA champion Robert Horry.



Sanders wasn't the only player inked, as the Rainmen re-signed 6-foot-7 sharpshooter Brian Silverhorn and guard Jimmy Twyman. Silverhorn was second in Rainmen scoring last season with 18.2 points per game, while Twyman, a former Harlem Globetrotter, joined the team late and performed well. The Rainmen now have five players on the roster for January's season-opener, with yesterday's trio joining signed draft choices Walter Moyse and David Bailey. The Rainmen have until Nov. 16 to re-sign last year's top scorer, Eric Crookshank, and Livingston said he's "optimistic" they'll reach an agreement. He may re-sign forward Kadiri Richard, but plans to explore other options first.

Dal loses, but coach is tops

SOCCER The Dalhousie Tigers are out of the running for a CIS men's title, but head coach Pat Nearing will bring home some hardware from Ottawa. The Tigers lost 2-0 to Montreal in the CIS quarterfinals, eliminating them from medal contention. Nearing, however, earned CIS coach of the year honours after helping the Tigers go from a one-win season to AUS champions.

Huskies focus on team in absence of star

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At this time last year, the Saint Mary's Huskies were a 7-1 football team with a Hec Crighton winner leading the charge.

Somehow, without that Hec Crighton winner around, or anyone resembling as much as a nomination for the national player of the year, the Huskies are 7-1 once again.

But can they duplicate more of last year's success without injured quarterback Erik Glavic? They'll find out tomorrow at 1 p.m. when they defend their Atlantic University Sport title against the St. Francis Xavier X-Men at Huskies Stadium.

So far, the post-Glavic transition has been a surprising success.

"I wouldn't say we weren't a team last year, but we're more of a team this year, where we have to count on every guy instead of having Erik Glavic, who can make a big play every time," said Huskies defensive back Saleem Borhot.

"Last year, you expected Erik to make a big play. Now, we don't fall back on that. Everybody has to step up."

With Glavic out indefinitely, the Huskies have



Saint Mary's running backs run through drills during practice at Huskies Stadium yesterday.

handed the keys to their championship aspirations to rookie Jack Creighton, a promising 6-foot-4 recruit from Ontario who didn't make his first start until the fifth game of the sea-

son. The Huskies have focused on the run game, accumulating almost 600 yards more than any other team in the country while averaging an astonishing 278.5 yards per game.

Their offence led the AUS with 259 points scored, but that mark was a 93-point drop from last year.

"We're still a tough team to stop when it comes

AUS hardware

• Saint Mary's Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah and receiver/return specialist Jahmeek Murray won Atlantic University Sport football awards yesterday. Sumarah collected coach of the year for the second straight season, while Murray was named rookie of the year. Mount Allison Mounties quarterback Kelly Hughes was named MVP; St. Francis Xavier X-Men linebacker Henoc Muamba was named defensive player of the year; and Steve Myddleton of the X-Men was named outstanding lineman.

down to it," said fifth-year receiver Ryeon Warburton. "Each guy steps up when it's his time ... We don't have a star to look to."

All told, four different quarterbacks started, three running backs eclipsed the 60-carry, 500-yard barriers, and the receivers blocked more than they caught and effectively squashed their chances of recognition on the AUS all-star team.

Getting players to buy in, the players say, hasn't been an issue.

"A lot of us are veteran guys," Warburton said. "It's our last shot, and whatever it takes, we're just trying to win."

'Close game' expected between St. F-X and SMU

The Saint Mary's Huskies have been running the football all year and it doesn't sound like they'll stop now.

The Huskies face a St. Francis Xavier X-Men team out for revenge in a rematch of last year's Atlantic University Sport Loney Bowl tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Huskies Stadium.

The Huskies, who led the nation in rushing by almost 600

yards, edged the X-Men 25-24 in last year's final.

"We're going to try to establish the run early; that's been the strength of our team all year," said Huskies fifth-year receiver Ryeon Warburton.

"But we'll figure things out from there ... Take the punches as they're thrown."

The X-Men are the only team to have out-rushed the Huskies head-to-head all season.

They compiled 197

yards on the ground in a six-point setback on Oct. 4 in Antigonish, a game they blew after jumping out to a 23-0 first-half lead.

Halifax's James Green, an MVP candidate who led the AUS in rushing by 198 yards, powers X's attack.

"Do I think we'll win? I do. And that's not being cocky. It's being confident."

Saleem Borhot

"It's no secret James Green is a good running back," said Huskies defensive back Saleem Borhot.

"We're going to try to stop James Green and force them to do things they don't normally do on the field — throw the ball 20 or 30 times."

Huskies rookie quarterback Jack Creighton will face a heavy assault from the X-Men, but Borhot said the youngster has "shown flashes of greatness" and likes his team's chances.

"I'm not going to sit here and say we're going to smash these guys or



Defensive back Saleem Borhot stretches during practice at Huskies Stadium yesterday. The Huskies face St. F-X tomorrow in the Loney Bowl.

anything like that," Borhot said. "I will tell you it's going to be a

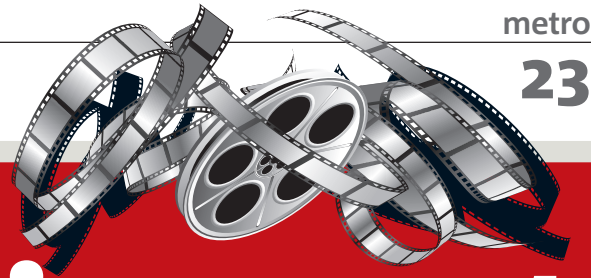
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Daniel Craig returns to the role of superspy James Bond in *Quantum Of Solace*. His portrayal is said to be closer to writer Ian Fleming's idea of the hero than any other actor who's played the iconic character.

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Craig's Bond

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Movie feature

Onscreen, Daniel Craig's James Bond is laconic, a coiled spring of potentially lethal energy with an almost lizard-like appraising gaze that's closer to writer Ian Fleming's idea of his hero than any actor who's every played the role.

In person, he's chatty and anxious, frequently apologizing for coming up with answers on the fly, and unwilling to offer himself as any kind of authority on Bond outside of his own incarnation of the role.

After the successful re-launch of the series with Casino Royale, we catch up with Craig's Bond at the start of the new film, Quantum Of Solace, mere minutes after the last film ended. Craig admits that he hasn't any idea of where, or when, he'll be taking Bond in any further film, but that a sequel to Casino Royale felt inevitable.

"The idea of doing a sequel only happened when we seemed to have unfinished business," Craig recalls. "He'd fallen in love and had his heart broken and been betrayed, which was the big message we were trying to put across in Casino Royale."

"Being betrayed had thrown him — this is a man who never loses at cards, never loses at love, never loses at anything."

Craig's Bond is often described as a more elemental Bond than any of his predecessors, free of the self-satire of Roger Moore or Pierce Brosnan's over-refined 007, and even more brutal than Sean Connery's original. He reluctantly agrees, but insists that it has to be taken in context.

"I know they're saying he's much tougher and has a much harder edge, but I haven't done anything to modernize the character. If anything, I've tried to cling



Daniel Craig returns to the role of James Bond in next Friday's release of Quantum of Solace.

to the past," he said.

"I want him to remain misogynistic, because I love the debate between him and (Judi Dench's) M there. Because M is the balance; he's the one that's behaving badly as a man and she's the one slapping him down, and I like that balance."

"And I also like that being put against stronger women characters is a much more interesting dynamic. That there is something archaic about him. He's a soldier, and there is something that being trained as a soldier instills in a human being, and it's not being nice."

Role Models packs laughs

Role Models

Director: David Wain

Stars: Paul Rudd, Seann William Scott

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●●●●●

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

REVIEW Without its leading men — using the term loosely in this case — Role Models would be just another instalment in the sub-Apatow genre, which is to say a comedy based on character and dialogue and the odd kick in the nuts.

Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott play best friends edging into their thirties who've reacted to the creeping milestone by either lapsing into growing despair (Rudd's Danny) or clinging to a value system forged during a particularly successful spring break (Scott's Wheeler).

They get jolted out of their ruts when they're given a choice between jail and community service in a Big Brother-type mentor-

ing program, after totaling their company truck during an outburst brought on by a breakup and too many energy drinks.

Both actors have reliable personas that do most of the heavy lifting for them; Rudd brings to mind the first serious boyfriend most women have — the one who hated all her friends and quietly resented that she made more money.

No matter what Scott accomplishes in his career, he'll probably always be known for playing Stifler in the American Pie movies, a character of iconic importance for a generation that has grown from student to first-time homeowner since he first embodied the role, which for this anxious cohort has a status that earlier generations once reserved for Rhett Butler or Rick from Casablanca.

Rudd and Scott are simply the best parts of a great cast that delivers a barrage of laughs, the highlight of which is probably the most perfect explanation of KISS ever committed to film.

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Farrelly brothers attached to Stooges project

The Three Stooges may be back on the big screen. MGM is in the process of acquiring the film rights to the Stooges from Warner Bros. Filmmakers Peter and Bobby Farrelly are attached to direct the project. **REUTERS**

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An honest look at family

Director Jonathan Demme returns to form in Rachel Getting Married

Rachel Getting Married

Director: Jonathan Demme
Stars: Anne Hathaway, Rosemarie Dewitt
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●½

KEVIN COURRIER
for Metro Canada

During the '80s, director Jonathan Demme (Melvin and Howard, Something Wild) demonstrated one of the most open, democratic spirits in American movies.

But it was after he was honoured with an Academy Award for the uncharacteristically turgid *Silence of the Lambs* in 1991, that celebrated open-heartedness went largely missing from his work (*Philadelphia*, *Beloved*).

In the moving and richly textured *Rachel Getting Married*, Demme's supple touch thankfully returns. Like last year's *Margot* at the Wedding, *Rachel Get-*



Anne Hathaway plays Kym, the black sheep of her family, in *Rachel Getting Married*.

ting *Married* also examines unresolved family issues and the skeletons that come tumbling out of the closet.

But unlike the smugly mean-spirited *Margot*, *Rachel Getting Married* is an honest and affectionate picture about dysfunctional people.

Kym (Anne Hathaway), the black sheep of the clan, returns to her family

home for the wedding of her sister Rachel (Rosemarie Dewitt). But her arrival initially stirs up more grief than happy memories.

Throughout the course of the day, the party struggles to find union and an acceptance of their differences.

Without a trace of self-consciousness, Anne Hathaway gives her most vivid-

ly engaging performance on the screen. She is given ample support as well from a terrific ensemble including Dewitt, Bill Irwin as her desperate-to-please father, and Debra Winger as her quietly anxious mother.

In *Rachel Getting Married*, Jonathan Demme has once again renewed his vows with the movie audi-

Happy-Go Lucky that and more

Happy-Go-Lucky

Director: Mike Leigh
Stars: Sally Hawkins, Eddie Marsan
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●½

KEVIN COURRIER
for Metro Canada



Sally Hawkins plays Poppy in *Happy-Go-Lucky*.

REVIEW The title *Happy-Go-Lucky* might aptly describe the mood and spirit of British director Mike Leigh's (*Topsy-Turvy*, *Vera Drake*) buoyantly entertaining new picture — except that the quiet desperation of contemporary London still manages to lurk under the surface.

Poppy (Sally Hawkins) is a 30-year-old London schoolteacher who always looks on the bright side of life. She doesn't, however, seek refuge from reality in her bubbling happiness; rather, it's her means of connecting to reality.

One day, after she gets her bike stolen, Poppy casually decides to take driving lessons. She gets saddled with Scott (Eddie Marsan), a bitterly angry instructor whose jaundiced view of the world continually has head-on collisions with her spirited optimism.

Where some directors of social commentaries prefer to preach from narrow ideological pulpits, Mike Leigh

works more openly between the lines of the story. In *Happy-Go-Lucky*, Leigh barely provides a plot to follow. His dramatic observations, however, are richly textured.

For instance, in the early moments of the picture, while trying to cheer up a dour bookseller, Poppy almost comes across as terminally sweet — a chattering lollypop.

Yet, Hawkins is so extraordinarily affecting that her performance has a way of gradually sneaking up on you. Hawkins illustrates with sly subtlety that Poppy loves her job and adores her friends — but what she especially cherishes is her personal freedom.

Given the darker tone of Leigh's previous films, it might be easy to dismiss *HappyGo-Lucky* as frivolous. But the movie doesn't come close to providing a bland smile for desperate times. On the contrary, *Happy Go Lucky* is a spirited comedy with a true bite.

Plenty of jokes, but too many tales

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

Director: Eric Darnell, Tom McGrath
Stars: Ben Stiller, Chris Rock
Classification: G
Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Yes, it's an archaic, overused adage, but when it comes to *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*, it also applies.

After all, since the original raked in over \$530 million dollars worldwide in 2005, there was certainly no doubt we would see a sequel. But who knew it would be more bloated than its predecessor's box-office take?

Set shortly after the first movie's conclusion, Alex the lion (Ben Stiller), Marty the zebra (Chris Rock)



Alex the lion (voiced by Ben Stiller) returns in *Madagascar*.

and the rest of the Manhattan-raised crew of animals are marooned in Madagascar.

After barely fixing a battered plane to return home, the group crash lands in an African wildlife reserve. There, each of the main characters set out on their own

brief journey of discovery — most notably Alex, who reunites with his feline folks (voiced by Sherri Shepherd and the late Bernie Mac).

Now, *Madagascar 2* isn't without its improvements: It has plenty of jokes and inside-gags for the adults, but they're

mostly just recycled sensibilities from the 2005 film.

Plus, after 3 years of technological advancements, the quality of animation is ever-increasingly remarkable — especially broad scenes of the African grasslands.

But of course, the story is what really counts and *Madagascar 2* tells too many tales.

The movie also gives a lot more screen-time to manic lemur King Julien (Sacha Baron Cohen) and those cunning penguins, but even the novelty of those characters has worn somewhat stale three years yonder.

Besides, with no less than 13 central characters to flush out this time around, *Madagascar 2* has enough to accomplish in 89 minutes without piling on more plot points about crafty critters.

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Would you spend money to see an animated movie starring Nicole Jaffe and Henry Corden? Probably not, because you've never heard of either of them.

Oh, but you've heard them. Jaffe voiced Velma on Scooby Doo while Corden vocalized for Fred Flintstone.

Their voices are familiar, but not well-known enough for the producers of big budget cartoons like Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, opening in theatres this weekend.

"If they were doing a half-hour Flintstone show today, they'd still go with me," said Corden in 1999, "but for a motion picture, even an animated one, they'd go with a celebrity to play Fred, because they need to sell the picture."

Big name actors who made their bones in live action have become the norm in modern animation.

Madagascar redux features everyone from

David Schwimmer voices Melman the Giraffe in the Madagascar sequel.

Ben Stiller to Jada Pinkett Smith.

Somewhere Nicole Jaffe is standing in a bank line waiting to cash her unemployment cheque.

In the old days Disney frequently used celebrity voices to augment their cartoons — remember Sebastian Cabot in The Jungle Book? — but the trend kicked into overdrive when Robin Williams's hyperkinetic jabbering stole the show in Aladdin.

It was a tour de force performance and Williams's star power helped push the box office past \$200,000,000, an animated film first.

Marquee actors like voice work for the same reason I like doing my radio show — the hours are good and you don't have to shave.

Marlon Brando was so taken with the easy money of

"It boils down to bucks — David Schwimmer's Melman the Giraffe will put more bums in seats than Henry Corden."

voice acting he suggested doing the role of Superman's Jor-El in voice-over, with his onscreen character portrayed as a glowing, levitating green bagel.

That one didn't pan out but he took further audio-only roles including his final gig performing an old lady voice in the unreleased Big Bug Man.

Other star turns haven't been so ignoble. Jeremy Irons was positively Shakespearean as The Lion King's Scar and Orson Welles thrilled a generation of tweens as the voice of planet-gobbler Unicron in Transformers: The Movie.

But too often the big names offer little other than recognizable voices, and that can work against the part they're playing.

Can you hear James Earl Jones as Mufasa without thinking of Darth Vader? Me neither.

It boils down to bucks — David Schwimmer's Melman the Giraffe will put more bums in seats than Henry Corden.

It's not about talent, it's about money. "I hate it but I understand it," Corden said.

Richard Crouse is the author of Son of the 100 Best Movies You've Never Seen and film critic for CTV's Canada AM.



Movie morsels

Beverly Hills Chihuahua

REVIEW These days, it seems Hollywood producers are all wondering the same thing: If my dog could speak, what would it say? Well, Beverly Hills Chihuahua is the latest talking animal flick to heed that query. Featuring the voices of Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia and other celebs, Chihuahua is a harmless "tail" about a snooty, rich lapdog that gets lost in Mexico and must journey back to Rodeo Drive.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Body of Lies

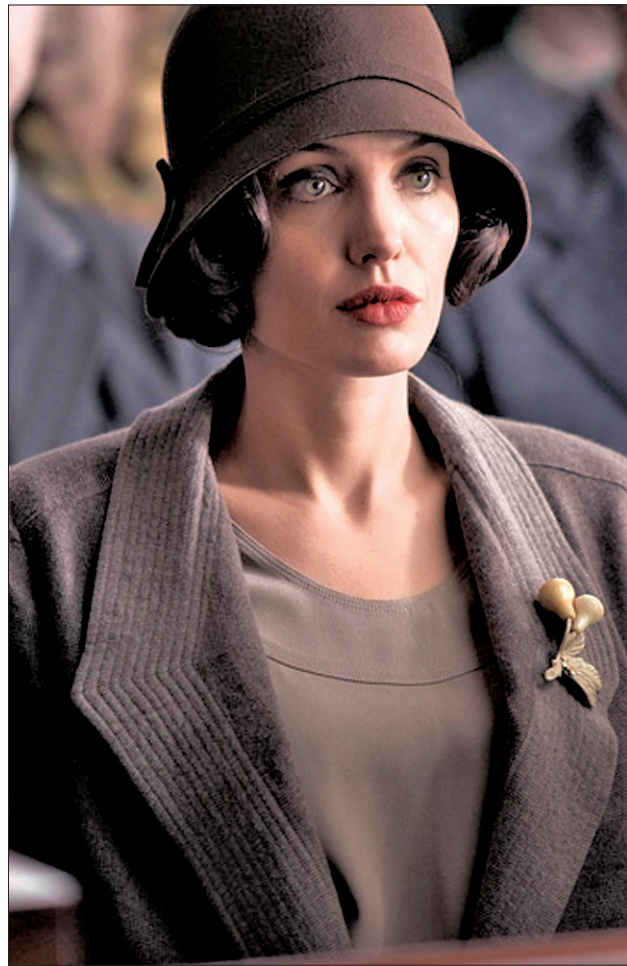
REVIEW In director Ridley Scott's latest film, a CIA field agent (Leonardo DiCaprio) is not only tracking down an Osama bin Laden-like terrorist leader, but he's doing so under the guidance of stay-at-home chief Ed Hoffman (Russell Crowe). Observing Ferris' moves from the eyes of unmanned spy drones, Hoffman calls the shots over a Bluetooth in America.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Changeling

REVIEW Directed by legendary icon Clint Eastwood, Changeling tells the emotional journey of Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie), a single mother in 1920s Los Angeles who comes home to find her son missing. Following weeks of relentlessly searching, the police suddenly show up with her child. Only there's a catch: It ain't him.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada



Angelina Jolie stars in Clint Eastwood's film, Changeling.

The Haunting of Molly Hartley

REVIEW The Haunting of Molly Hartley is a choppy, disjointed movie short on scares and story. It's like they couldn't wait to make a movie, so they plowed ahead with the production without developing a plot. The script is lazy: Stuff happens that isn't connected, you can see some events coming a mile away, and a baffling ending that explains nothing.

Jim Reyno/Metro Canada

High School Musical 3: Senior Year

REVIEW It's very likely that only a handful of adults have seen the previous two High School Musical incarnations that follow the dancing and singing students of Albuquerque's Eastside High. Adults can actually attend the movie without too much fear. Sure, the storyline is very basic, and squeaky Mickey Mouse-clean — you may doze off occasionally — but there is great energy in this film.

Steve Veale/For Metro Canada

Passchendaele

REVIEW Paul Gross might call his movie in Passchendaele, but halfway through the film, you have to wonder why truth in advertising didn't compel him to call it Calgary. While the film's climax is indeed set

during the furious 1917 battle where Canadian troops repeated the onerous task set to them months earlier at Vimy Ridge — both battles serve as bookends for the film — the bulk of the story takes place in a Calgary full of wooden sidewalks.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

RocknRolla

REVIEW Like those acclaimed crime-dramas of the late '90s, RocknRolla explores a familiar criminal element of the London underground; namely those involved in a complex real estate scam gone wrong. There are far too many subplots too summarize, but rest assured Guy Ritchie's latest features the same narrative voiceover, cleverly crooked gangsters, and super-frenetic pacing of his earliest work.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Zack and Miri Make a Porno

REVIEW Zack And Miri Make A Porno is a very sweet romantic comedy about two best friends discovering their love for one another. Granted they discover it while having sex on camera for a quick buck. Summarizing the plot is pointless because the title says it all. It's also a good litmus test. If the title makes you laugh you'll probably enjoy the movie.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

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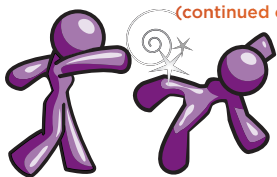
HOW TO BREAK UP WITH A FRIEND

It's a fact: virtually every woman has dumped a friend at some point. It's an incredibly unpleasant experience — for the dumper and the dumpee. After all, cutting ties with a friend is the ultimate betrayal — it's mean, selfish and yet in some cases, completely necessary. Like it or not, some friendships aren't worth saving.

If you're hanging on to a fizzling friendship, it may be time to end it. But instead of icing your friend, take the high road and tell her — tactfully — that it's time to part ways.

"Women stay in bad friendships too long all the time because they don't know the difference between self-care and being self-centred. It's in our nature to soothe people and avoid hurting them," says Allison Wood, an Ottawa-based psychotherapist. "But sometimes you have to choose to let it go. It's hard to do, but you'll feel better in the long run."

(continued online...)



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Screen Times

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Seth Rogen as Zack and Elizabeth Banks as Miri in a scene from Kevin Smith's Zack and Miri Make a Porno, which is currently in theatres.

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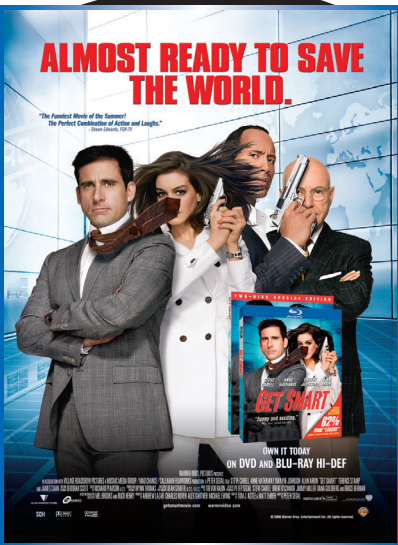
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Music



Kings of Leon's latest album, Only By The Night, debuted at No. 5 on the Billboard Top 200.

Kings of Leon let loose

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Kings of Leon is shocked by how expensive their gigs are.

"I've seen tickets to our show that are going for as much as \$415. My girl's friend bought tickets to our show on eBay and they cost her something like \$300," says drummer Nathan Followill. "I asked, 'Why did you do that? I would have just put you on the guestlist.'"

The recent Stateside success of brothers Caleb, Jared, Nathan and cousin Matthew explains the high prices. Their fourth and most recent album, Only By The Night, debuted at No. 5 on the Billboard Top 200 and has sold almost as well

"We're just growing as a band and that's the direction we wanted to go in. We changed our production team to try new stuff that we we're too scared to try on our previous release."

Nathan Followill

as Coldplay's Viva La Vida.

All this amid mixed reviews: Critics, one of the most vocal being Oasis' Liam Gallagher, have slammed the band for deviating from their Southern-fried garage rock and opting for a more sexually-charged and keyboard-heavy large arena sound — arguing the rockers from Tennessee are trying to match the European success and notoriety in their native U.S. with a more polished, radio-friendly product.

"I'll say that we're not losing much sleep over what he (Gallagher) said," Followill answers. "We're just growing as a band and that's the direction we wanted to go in. We changed our production team to try new stuff that we we're too scared to try on our previous releases."

But the hectic touring schedule remains the same for the band, something the family act is used to. Papa Followill was a travelling Pentecostal preacher, and the brothers spent

much of their youth bouncing from church to church throughout America's Bible Belt under a very Christian parental regime: No sex, no movies and absolutely no rock and roll. After moving to Nashville in 1998, the Followill boys discovered a newfound freedom, and decided to make up for lost time with wild women, Jack Daniels, marijuana and most importantly, that loud, God-awful rock music.

"We weren't really exposed to it, so we never had too many influences growing up. Rock was the devil's music, you know?" he laughs. "But our folks are cool with it now, and they'll stay that way so long as the Christmas presents keep getting better."

Will Barack Obama rock or pop in power?

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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After 21 long months of campaigning, spin-doctoring and mudslinging, the American election is finally over. Between now and inauguration day, Barack Obama will get the nuclear codes, be briefed on the status of the frozen alien bodies at Area 51 and choose a White House puppy for Michelle and the kids. Meanwhile, we'll have to train our spellcheckers to stop underlining "Barack Obama" in a red squiggly line.

Why anyone would actually want to be president is beyond me, especially given the issues America faces these days. The new POTUS certainly has his challenges.

My interest, of course, is what effect the new administration will have on music. I know that sounds crazy, but hear me out.

Beginning in the years after Watergate, there has been a correlation between the party in power and the power struggle between pop and rock. When a Republican occupies the White House, young people tend to rebel against the policies of the administration, resulting in resurgence in rock. Punk exploded after the disgrace of Nixon while disco arrived almost simultaneously with Jimmy Carter. American hardcore took root during Reagan, setting the

stage for grunge and Gen X's Alternative Nation that emerged during George H.'s time in power.

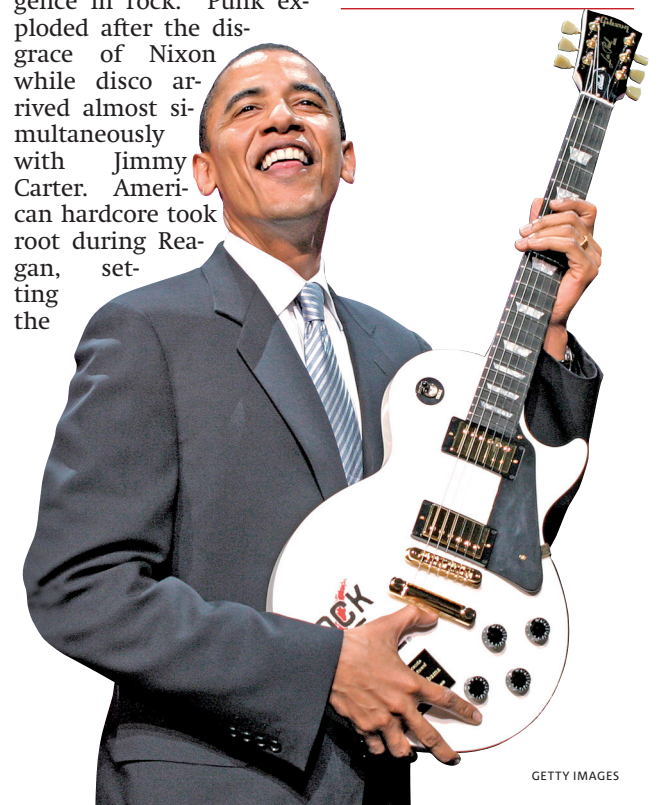
But when the Clintons changed the drapes in the '90s — and with the end of the first Gulf War and a brutal recession — the world went crazy for pop: 'N Sync, Britney, Backstreet Boys, Spice Girls. For those who remember the last half of that decade know that many left rock for dead.

Sept. 11 came with its own musical effects. With America under attack and patriotism on the rise, Mom-and-apple pie country music and comfort food classic rock were ascendant. But by the time we got to W's second term, the public's mood had turned ugly and Green Day started selling millions of copies of American Idiot.

So does a President Obama mean that pop music will make a comeback as it has when the Democrats were in charge? Or, as Def Jam founder and producer Russell Simmons believes, will the Hip-Hop Nation take over? Could Obama's Kenyan heritage result in an up tick in interest for African rhythms and world music?

Not necessarily. There's Iraq, Afghanistan and a badly wounded economy. A lot of stuff needs to be cleaned up before America feels well enough to dance like it did in 1999.

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Hough back on her feet

Country singer and Dancing With the Stars contender Julianne Hough is back on her feet and feeling “phenomenal” after undergoing surgery for endometriosis. [IMDB.COM](#)



Television

Vampire drama signalling HBO resurgence?

IntelleVision



THAT'S A LOT OF GOTHs AND ANNE RICE FANS: After a slow start, HBO's *Sexy! Fresh! Young!* vampire drama *True Blood* has been picking up steam. According to a story in *Broadcasting*

& Cable magazine, the most recent episode drew 2.35 million live viewers, which when aggregated with replays, delayed viewers and their DVRs, as well as HBO On Demand customers, comes to a whopping 6.4 million viewers — a big improvement from the scant 1.44 million live viewers who tuned into the season premiere.

So — a promising upturn in HBO's sagging fortunes, or have the kids

with the white pancake makeup and kohl around their eyes become managers at the comic store and started splurging on deluxe cable and TiVos? Only time will tell.

PLEASE DON'T GIVE THE CRTc ANY IDEAS: Little House On The Prairie, the NBC show based on the Laura Ingalls Wilder books that ran for over a decade in the '70s and '80s, is a hit in syndication in Finland, according to a Reuters story. Having

lived through the show's prime-time run, that would mean that there are a lot of little girls in Helsinki with a fondness for gingham and an abiding misconception that there were rolling hills and mountains in the near distance on the Minnesota prairie.

It's apparently common practice for Finnish authorities to charge 2 euros (about \$3) for every minute of footage they have to watch to rate a show's age

limit. NBC Universal considered this extortionate, considering the length of the show's run, and decided to forego official vetting, which meant that the show's DVD box sets are sold with a sticker stating that they're banned for viewers under 18 — who can watch it every Sunday morning on the state-run broadcaster.

“OBI-WAN, YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE”: It took 25 HD cameras set up in a ring around

CNN correspondent Jessica Yellin and 20 computers to crunch the data necessary to generate that lame hologram thing they did on election night. All so college kids could put bagels over their ears and make Princess Leia jokes before trashing the McCain/Palin signs outside that frat down the street.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Dance show to feature the cream of the crop



So You Think You Can Dance

Air date: Wednesday
Network: CTV

THE BIGGEST HIT on Canadian TV heads into the home stretch with the first top 10 episode, and the first where viewer voting narrows the field. Across the country, boyfriends and husbands try to disguise how much they're into the show from the girlfriends and wives who are forcing them to watch.



Finding the Fallen

Air date: Tuesday
Network: History

THE SECOND SEASON of this combination of archaeology and biography starts with a few bits of bone and brass dug up in France and Belgium, and expands outward to describe a British orphan who moved to Canada, and a man and the horse he rode into battle, among other war stories painstakingly reconstructed.

Entertainment in brief

TV Jennifer Aniston's guest spot on 30 Rock could turn into a regular role, if impressed castmembers on the show have their way, [imdb.com](#) re-

ports. The actress plays a woman who stalks TV executive Jack Donaghy, played by Alec Baldwin, in an upcoming episode. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Rick's TV Picks



The Raw Side Of...

Air date: Tuesday
Network: IFC

BROKEN SOCIAL SCENE founder Brendan Canning is the focus of this episode of IFC's documentary series on Canadian indie musicians. Concert footage is cut with glimpses of daily life, which means grimy vans, dingy rehearsal spaces, cramped apartments, shared houses and afternoon trawls through record stores.

— RICK MCGINNIS/METRO CANADA
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FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
prime	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap (N)	Supernanny "Manley Family"	20/20	
	7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Robson Arms	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N)		Don't Forget the Lyrics!	Stargate SG-1	
	11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Farce-Final	Rick Mercer	Doctor Who (N)	CBC News: The National	The Hour	
	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N)	NCIS "Chimera" (HDTV)	NUMB3RS (N)	
	6	6	6	CIHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Life "Jackpot" (N)		NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)	NCIS "Chimera" (HDTV)	News (N)	
	9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	Without a Trace		Ghost Whisperer (N)	Supernanny "Manley Family"	News (N)	
	36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Don't Forget the Lyrics!	Fox First	
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Deal or No Deal (ITV) (N)	Crusoe (HDTV) (N)	Lipstick Jungle	
	55	55	55	SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	Poker Pacific Poker UK Open.	WWE SmackDown!			Score Tonight	
	53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	That's Hockey!	NBA Basketball	Toronto Raptors at Atlanta Hawks. (HDTV) (Live)		SportsCentre	
sports	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami	
	70	70	70	APTN	News		Mixed Blessing	First Nation	Rabbit Fall	Aboriginal Peoples' Choice Music Awards		
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Desperate Housewives	Bravo! Fact	Books-Film	Morvern Callar *** (2002, Drama)		
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	Just for Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Friday Night
	18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias	Larry King Live	Cooper 360	
	38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Daily Planet		Greensburg (N)	Man vs. Wild Panama.	Pharaoh's City	
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	Extreme Home	Build a New Life	Relocation
	46	46	46	HIST	Blow Down		NCIS "Terminal Leave"		Shockwave	Blow Down	Ax Men	
	17	17	17	MM	Punk'd	Degrassi: Next	So You Think You Can Dance Canada		Dance	The Fast and the Furious (2001, Action)		
	206	206	206	PIX	Octopussy	(7:45) Best of the	Best ★ (1989, Action) Eric Roberts.		H'wd Splight	Diamonds Are Forever (1971, Action)		
cable	39	39	39	SHOW	EastEnders	Little Britain	The Best Years (DVS)	The Guard (HDTV)		Cock'd Gunns	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
	40	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	ET Canada	Wedding SOS	Crash Test Mommy (N)	End of Leash	
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Real Simple. Real Life (N)	What Not to Wear (N)	Say Yes-Dress	
	22	22	22	W	House	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums	Death Becomes Her *** (1992, Fantasy)		
	27	27	27	YTV	The Mighty B!	iCarly	Yours, Mine and Ours *** (1968, Comedy) Lucille Ball.			Smallville "Action"	Dark Oracle	

SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
prime	31	31	31	ABC	College Football		Patriots All-Access	College Football	California at USC or Oklahoma State at Texas Tech. (Live)			
	7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Cable Beach (2004, Mystery) Chris Kramer, Tygh Runyan.			Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Undying Love
	11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey	Montreal Canadiens at Toronto Maple Leafs. (HDTV) (Live)				NHL Hockey
	32	32	32	CBS	College Football		Entertainment Tonight	CSI: NY (HDTV)		Without a Trace (HDTV)		48 Hr. Mystery
	6	6	6	CIHF	The Road to Passchendaele		Vimy Ridge: Heaven to Hell		Last Soldier	Massacre at Verrieres Ridge		News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE (N)		To Be Announced	CSI: NY (HDTV)		Law & Order		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		Knight Rider (HDTV)	The Office	Saturday Night Live	
	55	55	55	SCOR	University Football: Canada West Hardy Cup		Score Update	Strikeforce		Score on NFL	Footy Show	Score Update
	53	53	53	TSN	CFL Football West Semifinal -- Teams TBA.		SportsCentre	NASCAR Racing	Nationwide Series -- Hefly Odor Block 200. (HDTV)			
sports	16	16	16	A&E	(6:30) Tombstone *** (1993, Western) Kurt Russell.			Open Range *** (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Annette Bening.				
	70	70	70	APTN	Tribal Treks	Music Speaks	MYTV	The Mix	Rez Bluez "Bluez Legends"	The Doors *** (1991, Docudrama)		
	37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo/Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall		The Four Seasons Mosaic	Callas Assoluta (2007, Documentary)		
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comics	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park
	18	18	18	CNN	This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations	Larry King Live	Iglesias: Fluffy	D.L. Hughley
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Mighty Ships "Resolute"		Monster Moves	Canada's Worst Driver	Criss Angel	
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Sarah's House	Million Dollar Listing	Extreme-Home	
	46	46	46	HIST	The Real James Bond		NCIS "Pop Life"		Ancestors	The Patriot *** (2000, War)		
	17	17	17	MM	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	The Fast and the Furious ** (2001, Action) Vin Diesel.		Greek "Pilot"		Dance	
	206	206	206	PIX	(6) We're No Angels		Bless the Child ★ (2000, Suspense) Kim Basinger.		Live and Let Die *** (1973, Action)			
cable	39	39	39	SHOW	TBA	Trailer Park	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	Secrets of an Undercover Wife (2007, Suspense)		Date Movie ★	
	40	40	40	SLICE	In Laws	In Laws	Til Debt-Part	Newlywed	Beautiful	Party Mamas	Tori & Dean: Home	Housewives
	21	21	21	TLC	Jon & Kate Plus 8 Road		Little People	Little People	17 Kids-Count	Property Ladder (HDTV)	Trading	
	22	22	22	W	(6) Mickey Blue Eyes (1999)		American Dreamz ** (2006, Comedy-Drama) Hugh Grant.			Two Weeks Notice (2002, Romance-Comedy)		
	27	27	27	YTV	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.	Wolverine	Transformers	Naruto	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach

SUNDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
prime	31	31	31	ABC	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup		Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives	Brothers	
	7	7	7	ASN	Young Blades		Funnyest Home Videos	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)	Medium	
	11	11	11	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		The Nature of Things	Leonard Cohen: Everybody		CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	fifth estate	
	32	32	32	CBS	NFL Football: Colts at Steelers		60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 13		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)	The Unit	
	6	6	6	CIHF	renegadepress	The Simpsons	(8:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: Next	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	The Amazing Race 13		Desperate Housewives	News (N)	
	36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "Bad Night"		King of the Hill	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Football Night in America	(9:15) NFL Football	New York Giants at Philadelphia Eagles.			
	55	55	55	SCOR	(6) NFL Blitz		The WWE Experience	BodogFight		Strikeforce		Poker
	53	53	53	TSN	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup		Football Night	(9:15) NFL Football	New York Giants at Philadelphia Eagles.			
sports	16	16	16	A&E	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	The Cleaner (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN	Great Towns	MYTV	Rez Bluez "Bluez Legends"	Music Speaks	The Mix	Coal Miner's Daughter (1980, Biography)		
	37	37	37	BRVO	Mad Men		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Portraits of War	King Arthur ** (2004, Historical Drama)		
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comics!	Winnipeg Comedy Festival	Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Net
	18	18	18	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom	Special Investigations		Larry King Live	D.L. Hughley	
	38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	MythBusters	Science of Interrogation		True Stories: James Bond (N)	MythBusters	
	34	48	48	HGTV	Green Homes	Extreme Home	House Hunters	Buy Me	Property Virgin	Unsellable	Extreme Makeover: Home	Holmes-Homes
	46	46	46	HIST	Exploring Hitler's Berlin		NCIS		Cities of the Underworld	We Were Soldiers *** (2002, War)		
	17	17	17	MM	Video on Trial		50 Cent: Money and Power	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	You Can Dance		Dance
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:15) A Perfect Murder		(8:10) The Faculty ** (1998, Horror) Clea DuVall			The Man With the Golden Gun (1974)		
cable	39	39	39	SHOW	Wife Swap		The Guard (HDTV)	Thrill of the Kill (2006, Suspense) Shiri Appleby, Chris Potter.			Weeds	
	40	40	40	SLICE	Inside Hollywood		Vanity Insanity	Wedding SOS	Bulging Brides	Work Out	Biggest Loser	
	21	21	21	TLC	Mystery Diagnosis (HDTV)		Mystery Diagnosis (HDTV)	The Woman With Giant Legs		World's Heaviest Man	Heaviest Man	
	22	22	22	W	Two Weeks	Hwd 10 Best	Grocery	Style by Jury	She's No Angel (2001, Suspense) Tracey Gold, Kevin Dobson.		Crossed Over	
	27	27	27	YTV	Over the Hedge *** (2006, Comedy) Voices of Bruce Willis.			SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	The Next Star	Falcon Beach	

Going Out

Stand up against cancer

Comic will quip about his battle in stand-up routine

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Irwin Barker will walk on to the stage at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium tomorrow night ready and eager to get people laughing.

He'll do this while fighting a disease that's no laughing matter.

"Humour is a really important way of coping with all kinds of stressful situations in your life. It gives you a sense of control over them," said Barker, who is battling a rare and aggressive type of terminal cancer known as Leiomyosarcoma. "In my case, because I worked as a stand-up comic and a comedy writer, it was just kind of a natural step to use whatever I had at my disposal in the fight against cancer."

Barker, who was diagnosed with Leiomyosarcoma in June of 2007, is coming to Halifax to perform at The Cancer Monologues comedy fundraiser. The event is in Barker's honour and will include several of his comedic friends, including Cathy Jones, Mark Farrell, Steven Patterson and Derek Edwards.

Show time is 8 p.m. with all funds raised going to the Irwin Barker Family Fund.

Barker has performed at several cancer fundraisers



Irwin Barker headlines The Cancer Monologues comedy fundraiser this weekend.

If you go

- **WHAT:** The Cancer Monologues featuring Irwin Barker.
- **WHEN:** Tomorrow at 8 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.
- **COMEDIAN LINE-UP:** Barker, Mark Critch, Cathy Jones,

Dean Jenkinson, Mark Farrell, Steve Patterson, Tim Steeves, Andrew Grose and Derek Edwards.

• **TICKETS:** Cost \$45. Phone 494-3820 or visit artscentre.dal.ca.

since his diagnosis last year. He also does inspirational speaking engagements about battling cancer while continuing to work as a staff writer with the hit CBC show *The Rick Mercer Report*.

But just making it onto the stage at the Rebecca Cohn will offer quite the challenge for Barker, who was given 12 months to live following his diagnosis.

He has a chemotherapy

session this morning near his Toronto home, and after leaving by plane for Halifax later in the day, will spend most of tomorrow resting so he can be ready to go when the curtain rises.

"Some times it's a real battle just fighting the fatigue. There's the mental battle of it, too," said Barker, also a writer for CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* from 2002 to '07. "The relentlessness of cancer is something that's very frustrating. It never lets up. Every single day you have

to deal with it. It can become discouraging."

But Barker refuses to let cancer get the best of him. In fact, he'll even talk about cancer in his stand-up routine.

"I've wanted to continue to use humour and make jokes, not so much about cancer necessarily, but in spite of the cancer," he said. "Kind of be in its face and the fact that I have cancer isn't going to stop me from continuing to write and perform comedy — whatever the comedy is about."

Gracie's best, but not a best-of album

MUSIC John Gracie doesn't like referring to it as a best-of album. He avoids the term greatest hits, too.

But the Dartmouth singer-songwriter's latest record *Then Again — Recollections* is certainly a trip down memory lane for fans as it consists of 23 popular tracks recorded over what is now a 20-year career.

"It was a hard to decide on what songs to include in it," Gracie said of the album, which officially hit stores this week. "Basically, I chose the one's the fans seem to like the most. Also, the one's I'm happy with the most."

"There's a few we had to leave out, though. We crunched as many as we could onto the one CD."

From *Thinkin Bout Midnight* in 1988 to *Then Again — Recollections*, Gracie has released 11 albums so far in his career. Songs on the *Recollections* record include Seabird's *Cry*, *Pass It On* and *The Call* from the CD, *John Gracie — A Gene MacLellan Tribute*.

"It helps too, when you're travelling and you're taking CDs with you, it's nice to have one CD that is a good potpourri of what you've done," said Gracie, a three-time East Coast Music Award winner for male artist of the year. "It makes it easier." As for the future, Gracie is working on a 12th album and is getting ready to tour the Maritimes for his popular Christmas show.

—PHILIP CROUCHER

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BEARLY'S: Shirley Jackson on Friday, Graham Isaacson and The Guy Davis Trio on Saturday, Grass Mountain Hobos on Saturday matinee, Brad Conrad on Sunday, Dobson and Doyle on Sunday matinee, 1269 Barrington St.

BIG LEAGUES: Asia and Nu Gruve on Friday, 4 Forest Hills.

BOOMERS LOUNGE: Ten Mile House on Sunday. 1725 Grafton St.

BUBBLES MANSION: DJ Savory on Friday, DJ No Luv on Saturday. 5287 Prince St.

CELTIC CORNER: Jimmy Sweeney on Friday and Saturday, Glenn Graham on Sunday, 69 Alderney Dr.

CHEERS: Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau matinee on Friday, Shameless on Friday and Saturday, DJ Stickboy on Sunday. 1743 Grafton St.

COACH'S PUB: DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

DAVE DOLITTLE'S: Karaoke on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

THE DOME: DJ Mike Clarke on Friday, DJ Dave "The Legend" MacIsaac and DJ Mike Clarke on Saturday, DJ Stickboy on Sunday, 1663 Argyle St.

DUTCHIE'S PUB: Jeff Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

ECONOMY SHOE SHOP: Clas Larsson Quartet on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.

FINBAR'S: Vince Burke and Andrew Kent on Friday and Saturday, Sunnyside Mall.

GINGER'S TAVERN: Dusty Keeler and The Rusty Wheels with Bill Travis and The Alamo Defenders on Friday, The Creeps on Saturday, 1662 Barrington St.

GUS' PUB: Indies Pop Night with DJ Bones on Friday, Tarratomb Spew, Amnesty and Legions Of Chaos on Saturday, Lazy James Cody

and Friends on Sunday matinee, 2605 Agricola St.

THE HARBOURFRONT: Shaydid on Friday and Saturday, Casino Nova Scotia.

HELL'S KITCHEN: Sylvie with Chidren of Eve on Friday, The Brains with Rck n' Rebel on Saturday, 2037 Gottingen St.

THE JOLLY MUG: Sidekixx on Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.

LION'S HEAD TAVERN: Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

LOWER DECK: Corey Tetford, Paul Lamb matinee on Friday, Paul Lamb matinee on Saturday, Wreckhouse on Friday and Saturday, Signal Hill on Sunday, Historic Properties.

MARQUEE CLUB: Club Therapy featuring Chris Morrison, Dobba, Cam and Sonny D on Friday. Tickets \$7 at door. Retro Night on Saturday, 2037 Gottingen St.

MENZ BAR: Live DJs on Friday and Saturday. 2182 Gottingen St. 2182 Gottingen St.

NENAGH BAR AND GRILL: Bruce MacKinnon on Saturday, 30 Farnham Gate.

NICHE: Mike Cowie's Waterbabies Jazz Quartet on Friday and Saturday. 1505 Barrington St.

O'CARROLL'S: Treo on Friday and Saturday, Roger Stone on Sunday. 1860 Upper Wa-



Canadian singer-songwriter Feist is performing tonight at the Halifax Metro Centre with Hayden. Showtime is 8 p.m. with tickets costing \$55 and \$45.

ter St.

OLD TRIANGLE: John Ferguson and Roger Stone on Friday and Saturday.

Seph Peters and Floyd King matinee on Saturday. Kevin Roach matinee on Sunday, Gordon Tucker Band on Sunday, 5136 Prince St.

OUR FRIEND'S PUB: Kitchen parties on Monday. John Snyder on Thursday. 19 Norm Newman Dr.

PACIFICO: DJ Adam Oxner, DJ Nick Nonsense, DJ Dan McCarthy on Friday, DJ

Jeff Willis, DJ Chris Matheson and DJ Nick Nonsenses on Saturday, 1505 Barrington St.

THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB: DJ Trixx on Friday, DJ Fierce on Saturday, DJ Fierce on Sunday, 1721 Brunswick St.

THE PAVILION: Fall Showdown on Saturday at 6:30 p.m., 5816 Cogswell St.

PARKSIDE PUB: Parkside DJ on Friday, Sean Bates on Saturday, Leroy Bennett on Sunday matinee. 14 High-

field Park Dr.

PEDDLER'S PUB: DJ Mathematix on Friday and Saturday, Granville Mall.

POGUE FADO: Soul Kitchen on Friday and Saturday, Ten Mile House on Thursday, 1581 Barrington St.

PORTER'S LAKE PUB: Jamm'n on Sunday. 5528 Highway 7.

THE RED FOX: Echoes on Friday and Saturday, 7071 Bayers Rd.

THE RED STAG: Bob Lambert musical comedy on Satur-

day. 1496 Lower Water St.

REFLECTIONS: Closed on Friday, DJ Headphones on Saturday, 5184 Sackville St.

RIVERSIDE PUB: Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau on Saturday, 1552 Bedford Highway.

RODEO LOUNGE: Fandango on Friday and Saturday, Ryan Cook matinee on Friday, Jason Dillon benefit concert on Sunday 121 Ilsley Ave.

THE SEAHORSE: Cuff The Duke, The Wooden Sky and Laura Merrimen on Friday, Magnus Haze with Glory Glory Man United on Saturday, Grand Harvest on Monday, 1659 Argyle St.

SNAUBAR: Live entertainment on Friday and Saturday. 1535 Dresden Row.

THE SPLIT CROW: Clam Chowder on Friday and Saturday, House Party Guys on Sunday, 1855 Granville St.

STAYNER'S WHARF: Charlie A'Court's 30th birthday celebrations on Friday at 9:30 p.m. Limited advance tickets available, \$15 at the door, Kate Quinn on Saturday, Jeff Goodspeed and Friends on Sunday, 5075 George St.

TRIBECA: Famous Players on Friday, DJ Double A on Saturday, Old Wagon Whiskey on Sunday, 1588 Granville.

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Charlie A'Court is performing in celebration of his 30th birthday tonight at Stayner's Wharf at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

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galleries

ARGYLE FINE ART: Work by local artists 1869 Upper Water St.**ART 1274 HOLLIS:** Works by local artist. 1274 Hollis St.**ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA:** Contemporaries, Tom

Port Hood's Mitch MacDonald joins Theo Tams and Drew Wright on Wednesday at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium at 8 p.m.

events

CASINO NOVA SCOTIA: Suzie McNeil at the Schooner Showroom on Monday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$25. Classic Albums Live: Led Zepelin IV on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$30.75. Phone 451-1221.**PHOTOPOLIS:** Photography festival running at various art galleries in Halifax and Dartmouth. Through Nov. 15.**HALIFAX METRO CENTRE:** Feist with Hayden on Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$55 and \$45. Phone 451-1221.**REBECCA COHN AUDITORIUM:** J.P. Cormier with Spinney Brothers on Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$32. The Cancer Monologues with Irwin Barker and Friends on Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$45. Symphony Nova Scotia featuring Robert Uchida on Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets \$32 to \$47.50. Canadian Idol Top-Three Tour featuring Theo Tams, Mitch MacDonald and Drew Wright on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$37 and \$61.50. Shawn Klush and The Sweet Inspirations on Thursday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$39, \$44 and \$49. Phone 494-3820.**YUK YUK'S:** Eddie Brill with Peter White, Marc Sauve and Evany Rosen on Friday and Saturday. Westin Nova Scotia, 1181, Hollis St.**TO HAVE YOUR LISTINGS APPEAR, E-MAIL US AT HALIFAXLISTINGS@METRONEWS.CA**

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Experience opens today from 2 to 4 p.m. and runs through Nov. 27, Pier 21.

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY: Susan Dobson, Allan Chawner and Andrew Chubb through Nov. 23, 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.**SECOND GALLERY:** Lorena Ziraldo's Continued through Nov. 15. 6301 Quinpool Rd.**SEEDS GALLERY:** Works by various artists from NSCAD University. 1892 Hollis St.**VEITH STREET GALLERY:** Works by John Carson, Jack Merrel and Gerard McNeil, Through Nov. 20, 3,115 Veith Street, Halifax.**VIEWPOINT GALLERY:** Intimate Portraits II, through Nov. 30, 1272 Barrington St.**ZWICKER'S GALLERY:** Works by various regional artists. 5415 Doyle St.

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Metro's **7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now**1 Early Christmas shopping**

Retailers are rolling out their Christmas promotions early this year amid reports that consumer confidence has plummeted to an all-time low.

**4 Musical tributes for Obama**

Will.i.am has released a new song in honour of Barack Obama being named president. The rapper and Black Eyed Peas member spent Election Day editing the new track, called It's A New Day. Rapper Nas also developed a new song to commemorate Obama's victory.

**7 Bruno on the loose**

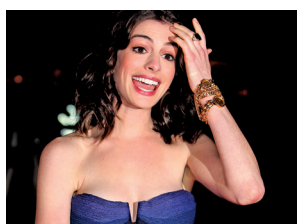
Sacha Baron Cohen's famous fashion persona, Bruno, has been making outrageous appearances around the world. Most recently, Bruno was filmed causing a ruckus at an Los Angeles Proposition 8 rally. The sightings have been linked to a Bruno film scheduled to hit theatres May 15, 2009.

2 Celeb marathons

This latest trend in celebrity fitness has stars like Jennifer Lopez, Katie Holmes and Matt Damon pounding the pavement for marathons and triathlons. Recently, Ryan Reynolds ran the New York City Marathon to raise money for the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

5 Get Smart movie release

Get smart and watch this comedic caper featuring Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway. Carell, who stars as agent Maxwell Smart, is currently in negotiations to star in a sequel to the movie.

**3 Kate's cover**

Actress and five-time Oscar nominee Kate Winslet bares all for the latest issue of Vanity Fair. Despite claims the revealing photos were airbrushed, Winslet's rep insists only standard skin-tone retouching occurred.

**6 A Pearl that flips**

Research in Motion, and Rogers Wireless announced this week the new BlackBerry Pearl Flip is available in stores. This phone's slim and compact design will surely have tech-lovers flipping out.

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Duck salad with baby greens

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Singer Carnie Wilson is going to be a mother for the second time. Wilson, 40, and husband Rob Bonfiglio, 41, are expecting a baby in June, her rep has confirmed. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

'I overdid the face filler:' Lisa Rinna

BEAUTY Actress Lisa Rinna is opening the lid on a big Hollywood secret by confessing that she had too much of the filler Juvéderm injected into her face, intouchweekly.com reports.

"We all know everyone does it!" Rinna, 45, tells *In Touch*. "We go on Jenny Craig and do all these things to change ourselves, so why can't we get a little filler?"

But while a little is one thing, Rinna admits she recently overdid it.

"I saw a picture of myself and thought, 'Uh-oh,'" Rinna said, after getting too much Juvéderm. "You have to be careful. I'm a perfect example of that!"

"There are many things you can do to make yourself look better," says Rinna, whose fitness DVDs *Lisa Rinna: Dance Body Beautiful* are out in December.

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WILL RETURN

Madonna begs 'bosom buddy' Paltrow to move to N.Y.: Report

FRIENDS Pop star Madonna has reportedly begged actress Gwyneth Paltrow to move to New York, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Following her split from husband Guy Ritchie, Madonna is planning to quit London and relocate to the Big Ap-



ple after her *Sticky and Sweet* world tour finishes next month.

Madonna has relied on Paltrow — who primarily lives in London with husband Chris Martin and their two children — for support since separating from the film director, and wants her to follow her to New York.

"Madonna and Gwyneth are bosom buddies. Gwyneth was a rock to Madonna while she was considering whether to

leave Guy, she had strong views on the situation," a source close to the star told Britain's *The Sun* newspaper.

"They were in constant contact during the difficult period and Madonna really valued Gwyneth's advice."

"Madonna is desperately sad to be leaving one of her best friends behind and has been urging her to join her in New York."

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Jolie gets fit with Wii

LIFE Actress Angelina Jolie has been using her children's video games to lose weight, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Jolie, who raises six kids with partner Brad Pitt, has been burning off her post-pregnancy pounds with a Nintendo Wii.

The video game console requires players to use their body to control their



games' characters. "Angelina's kids were convincing her that video games were more than just fun."

"They explained to her you can do anything from practise math to learn to read music and exercise," a source said.

"She tries to get in an hour of Pilates three times a week. She's picking it up pretty quickly and is already at the hardest setting!"

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'Something seriously wrong' with people who wear fur: Leona Lewis

OPINIONS Singer Leona Lewis has reportedly said people who wear fur have "something seriously wrong with them," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Lewis, who is a staunch vegetarian, can't understand why anyone would want to wear a coat made from animal skin.

"I can't begin to imagine that people who know all these animals have been killed to make a coat can still wear it," she said.

"There must be something seriously wrong with them."

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Manson and Wood split over her live-in brother?

BREAKUP Marilyn Manson has been dumped by his actress girlfriend Evan Rachel Wood, according to reports.

The couple split after a bitter argument over 21-year-old Wood's brother Ira, who had been living with the celebrity pair, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Sources claim 39-year-old Manson tried to throw Ira out of the guest house at the Hollywood

home he shares with his girlfriend.

"Evan owned the house and didn't want her unemployed sibling living on the street. It was the tipping point," an insider said.

Wood and Manson began dating in December 2006.

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Hefty Jackson's diet book cut

BOOK DEAL Janet Jackson's plans to release a diet book have been shelved, because the singer has piled on the pounds, femalefirst.co.uk reports media as saying.

Jackson had signed a deal to share her weight-loss secrets with fans after shedding 60 pounds in just four months in 2006.

But sources claim the pop superstar has added pounds during her current

Rock Witchu tour, prompting her publishing bosses to back out of the deal.

"It has been postponed indefinitely. It was a mutual decision," an insider tells the *National Enquirer*.

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Diaz wouldn't share cigarettes, partygoers say

LIFE Actress Cameron Diaz reportedly upset guests by refusing to share her cigarettes at a party, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Diaz, who was attending a lavish Halloween bash hosted by her close friend Drew Barrymore at her Hollywood Hills, Calif., home, managed to annoy other partygoers by spending most of the evening smoking.

"Cameron was outside smoking the whole time, but when a couple of people asked if she had a cigarette, she always said no. It was so rude," a source told the *New York Post* newspaper.

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